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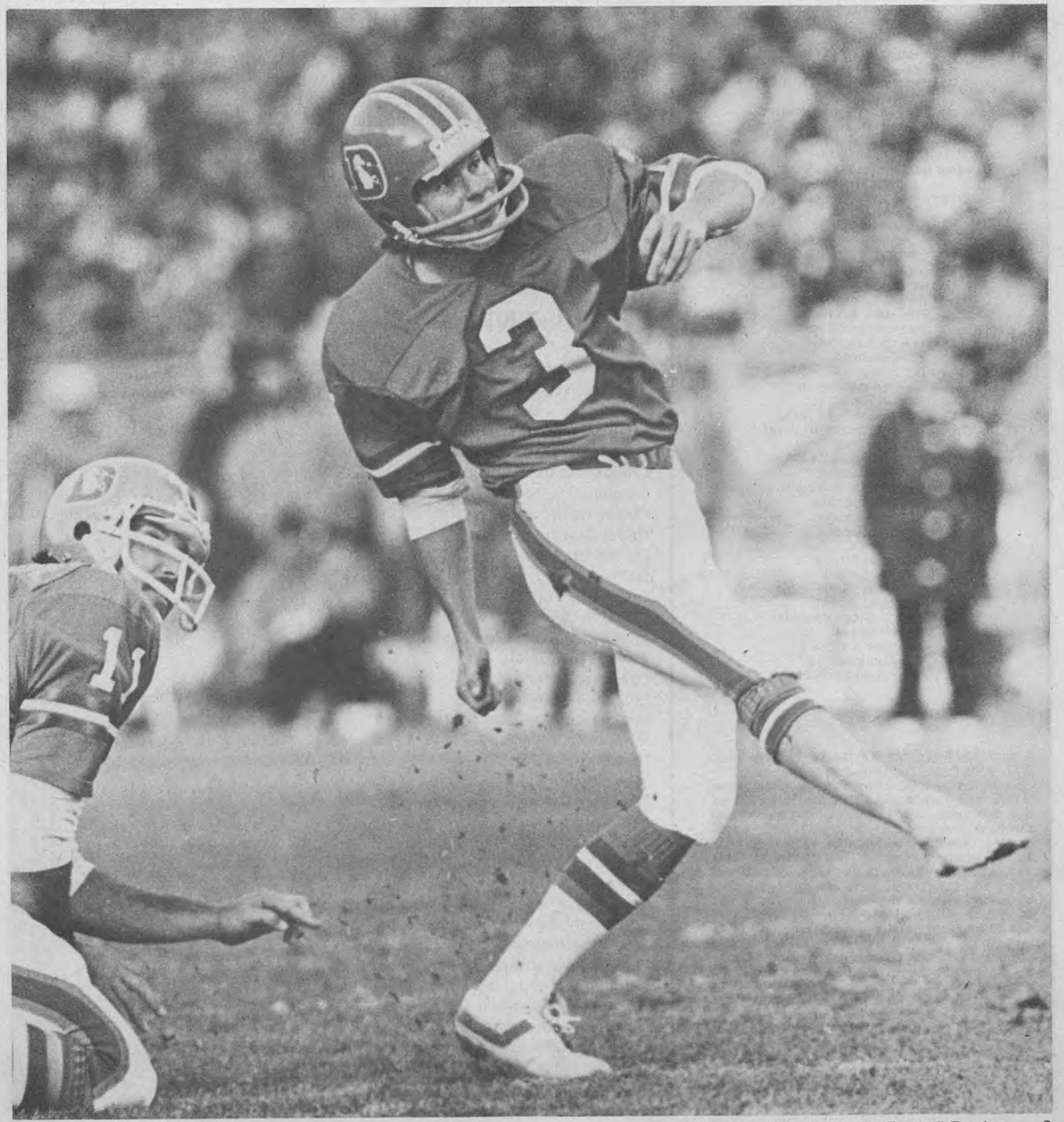
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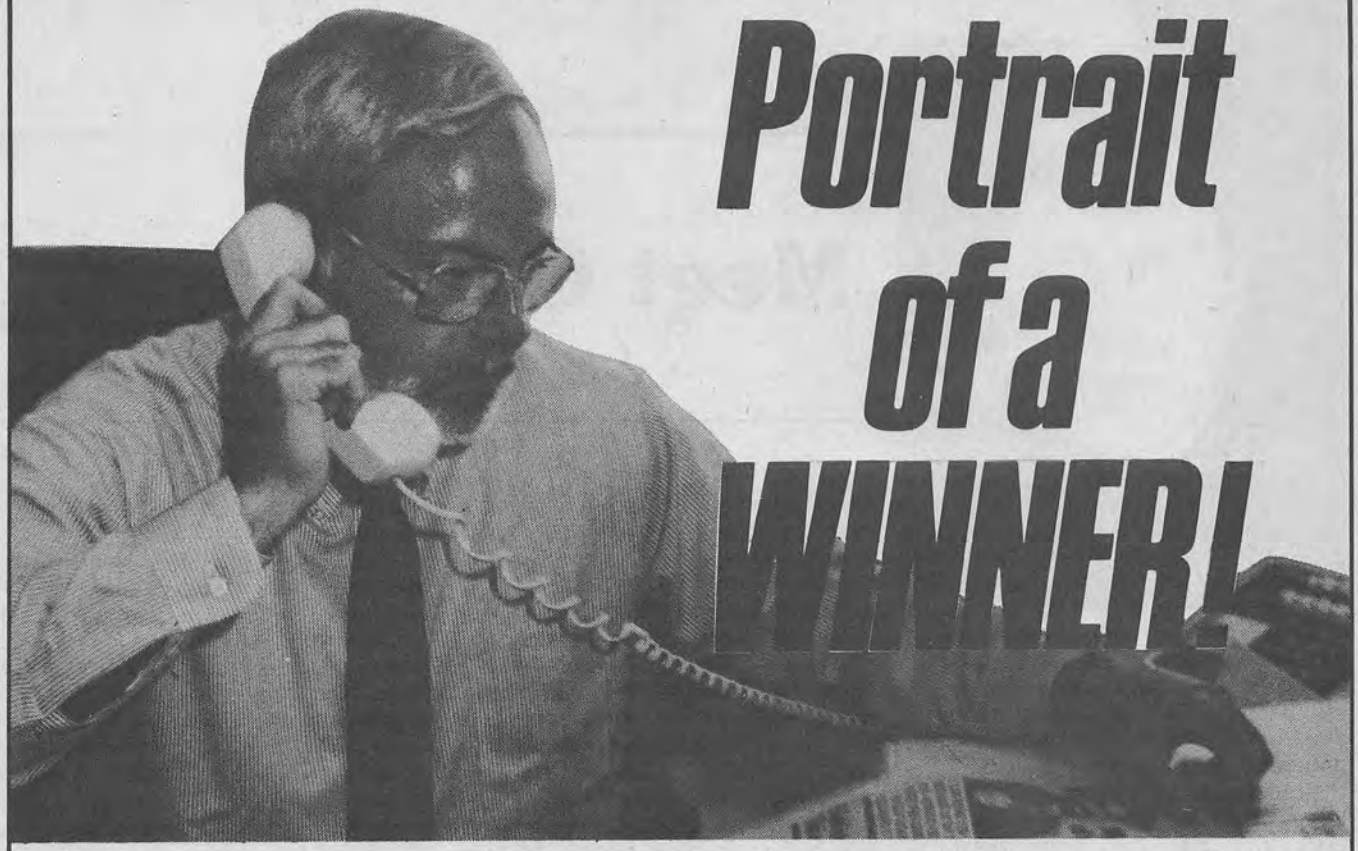
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Meet Gary Austin

At 4:30 on a Saturday morning, the gambling emporiums along Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas are still neon bonfires devouring money. The rest of the city is sensibly in darkness. At least most of it is. To the south, past the blue taxiway lights of McCarran International Airport and not far from Wayne Newton's ranch, a pair of palm-lined roads wind through hushed estates of other Las Vegas headliners -Sergio Franchi, Bobbie Gentry, Jerry Vale, Robert Goulet. Among these entertainers' pied-a-terre is the rambling house that Gary Austin purchased in the summer of 1977. Lights are on in Austin's house. He has become a full-time bettor, a sports bettor. Gary has bet increasing amounts on sports since the beginning of the 1970's; now he wagers more than $30 million a year on football, baseball, basketball and hockey -which is more than the GNP of many nations.

So the lights are on at 4:30 a.m. on a day late in the baseball season, early in the football season. Austin sits in an oversize leather chair at the desk in the office in his home. In the room are four television sets, turned off at this non-sports hour, and bookshelves containing best sellers, college textbooks and numberous trophies won in youthful golf and ping-pong competitions. Austin was the Michigan State ping-pong champion in his sophomore year. There are photographs of his wife, Judy and their children, and one of the 1968 World Champion Detroit Tigers. The rat-a-tat-tat of a teletype machine hammering out the UPI sports wire resounds from Austin's office through the otherwise darkened house. A ticker, the sort used at ball parks, is silent. It is, after all, nearly dawn and there are no games in progress. Austin had gone to bed at 11, and risen at four, as is his custom.

In 1969, when Continental Can promoted him to West Coast manager of sales, service and distribution, it appeared he had settled into the life of a work-driven, career-minded member of corporate America.Then, one day in 1971, Austin was shooting a round of golf with a friend in Mission Viejo. As often happened, the talk drifted to other sports, to outcomes of games, to bets.

"Ever think about betting sports with a bookie?" His friend asked.

"I don't know any bookies."

Austin bet, and the first week he won $200. In his fifth week he won $700. "I thought it was all the money in the world," he recalls. "I just wondered if I'd actually get paid that much money by the bookie."

He did get paid, and he kept betting, and he kept winning more often than he lost. Finally he quit his job to devote himself entirely to gambling. His wife, remarkably understanding, did not object.

"The thing about it was the instant reward," Austin says. "It didn't depend on whether the company did well. I didn't have to share the profits of my work with others who maybe weren't working as hard. If I did a good job, I won. Of course, if I did a bad job, I not only didn't get a paycheck, but I also had to give back last week's pay check."

Austin founded the Edge in the Spring of 1979 after gaining a measure of fame among wagerers by winning the first Castaways Pro Football Handicappers Championship in the Fall of 1978. Fifty-six of the biggest sports bettors paid $1,000 apiece to enter, and Austin got the $42,000 first prize by winning 62% of his bets, four percentage points better than the second-place finishers. This percentage has never been topped nor tied and is unlikely to be bettered until Gary himself does it.

During the next four years Gary began to formulate plans for satisfying an ambition - he wanted to become the "Linemaker for the country." It became apparent that the only way to have his line accepted, was to allow people to wager into it. The only way that was possible, was for Gary to open a Sports Book. It was at this juncture in Gary's life when he had to decide between fulfilling his dream or continuing with his highly acclaimed Sports Service. Certainly he couldn't split himself in two. But destiny had a hand in molding Gary's life - a chance meeting brought Gary and Ed Horowitz together, a vertiable marriage made in heaven ensued. The rest is history, Gary joined forces with American Sports Advisors which freed him from the daily regimentation of overseeing his sports service. After months and months of

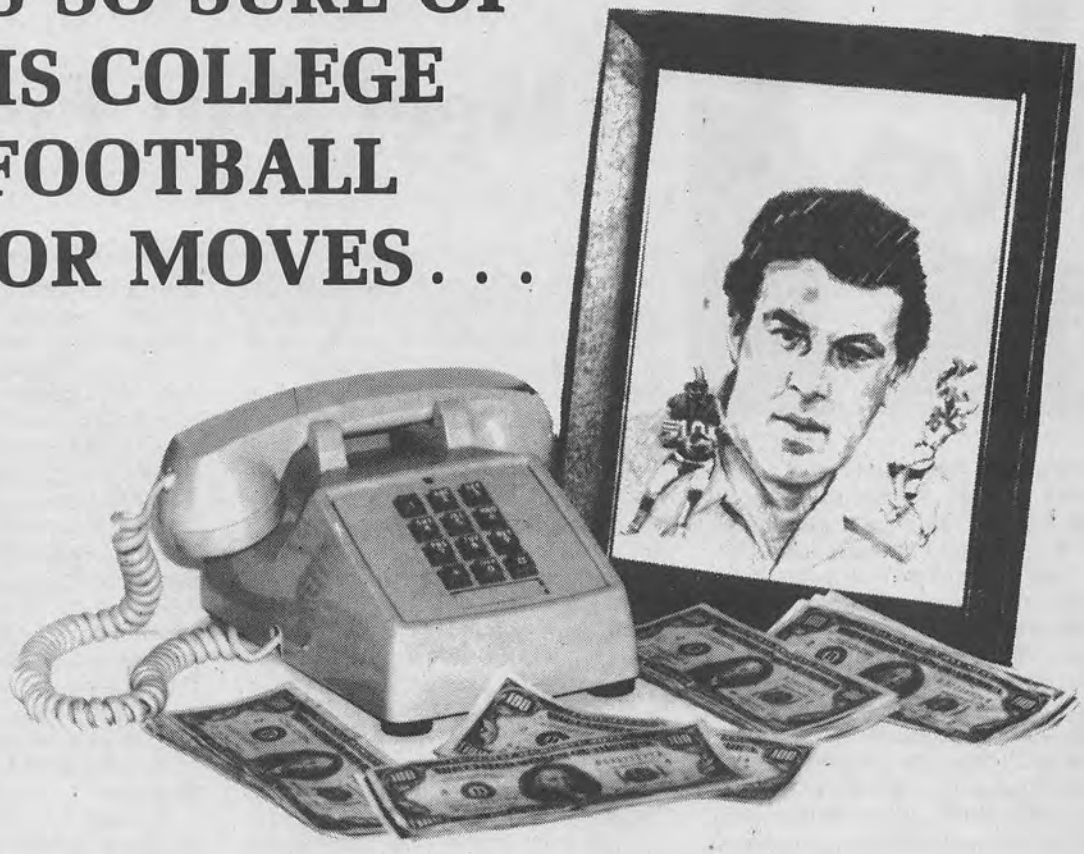
'The thing about it (betting) was the instant reward. If I did a good job, I won.'

searching for locations, and countless negotiations, it finally came to pass - the grand opening of the Gary Austin Race and Sports Book, known in Las Vegas as "where the numbers originate."

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Meet Jim Feist

James J. (Jim) Feist, now in his second deacde of providing sports handicapping data and selections to clients coast-to-coast, obviously is here to stay. His 24-hour Scorephone service, direct from Las Vegas and Detroit, logs 50,000 calls a day. The Feist in-house printing plant churns out a million sports schedules annually, listing home team, visitor, game time in 4 time zones and provides the reader with space for quarter-by-quarter scores, advance injury information and weather notations. Sixty toll-free lines (at last count) link fans to Feist's sportsline service which updates pointspreads and overs/unders total quotes. Suffice it to say, Feist's private list of clients for his sports selections service is growing fast.

It's a sports information empire.

Feist has embraced new computer technology, manned by a staff of 50, to bring his highly-personalized "space-age" service instantly to his client network.

But the electronic hookups, computerized services and multiplex telephone line facilities will never replace the bottom line of Feist's success: WORK.

Feist, 40, says work is the magic key to success. Working harder than the next guy and never letting down in the continuing effort to get the "edge" that makes sure the Feist numbers are better (bettor?) and faster than the competition—numbers that are always accurate and more effective than those used by the company down the street.

Feist was a crackerjack salesman for a variety of enterprises before starting his own chemical company in Philadelphia some years ago. In five years, he sold the chemical concern for enough cash to back him in his dream venture: the launching of a first-class sports information service in Las Vegas, the gambling mecca.

Feist's interest in sports dates back to boyhood days when he bet on the outcome of games, using bottle caps, nickels, quarters and dollar bills. His competition was anyone in the neighborhood who liked to take a chance on the outcome of a sports event. Feist usually won his wagers with his young friends. Later, when he was betting real money he continued his earlier successes, which was fine, except that Feist wanted to know why he won—why he succeeded when others failed. So he analyzed himself and found that he simply outworked the others; he dredged up specialized information that gave him the edge in picking winners. He never bet in the blind. He found dollar-valued situations and acted upon them, following percentage-of-bankroll money management practices.

Feist has devoted his young lifetime to improving his knowledge of sports and games. He's a football fan, sure. A basketball fan. A baseball fan. He loves hockey. But he's also good at poker, gin and pool. At age 17 he won a handsome Mercury coupe in a Philadelphia pool game.

Sportswriter Pete Axthelm of NBC-TV sports and **Inside Sports** Magazine calls Feist the "Guru of Sports Totals." **The Philadelphia Inquirer's** Jay Searcy rated Jim Feist Sports "one of the nation's best handicapping services." Jim won **The Inquirer's** National Sports Handicapping Contest twice and was runner-up on a third occasion. **Oui** Magazine named Feist among America's "Best 10 handicappers." The accolades seem endless.

Feist, a native of Philadelphia, comes from a musician's background. His father played trumpet in the big bands and Little Jim got to traipse along. Jim met his petite blonde wife, JoAnn in Philadelphia. She is a former Bucks County, Pennsylvania schoolteacher. JoAnn is executive office manager of the Feist enterprises in Las Vegas and when he is on the sports trail (Feist jets more than 100,000 miles a year) she is at the business controls.

Feist believes sports wagering should be expanded to other states. Actually, but two states (Utah and Hawaii) have some kind of legalized gambling, be it horse racing, bingo, the lottery or what have you. "It makes business sense to let state and local government in on the action in the form of taxes," Feist emphasizes.

Anyone wishing to gamble, whatever the sport or game, should set aside a bankroll for that purpose. They should never bet the basic family funds—it always should be money the player can afford to lose. Bet a percentage of the bankroll—that way, you'll be increasing your bets when winning and cutting back when on the inevitable losing roll.

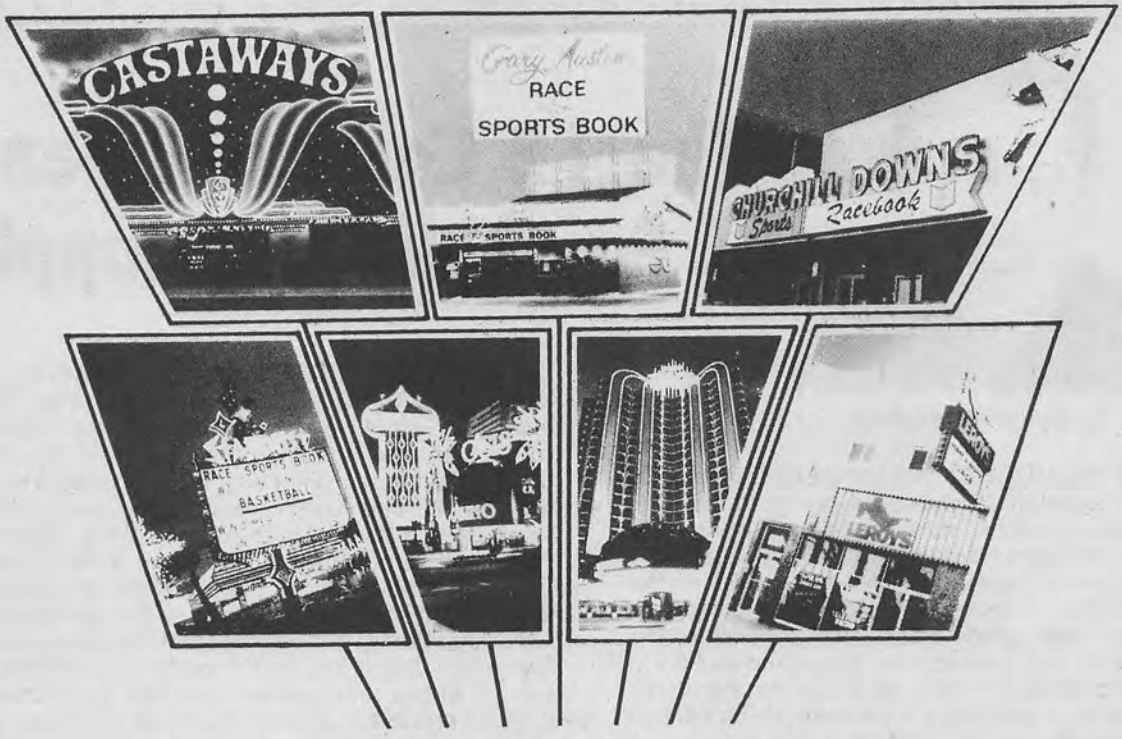
"Sometimes when I'm up at 3 a.m., working on my figures, I can't help but smile when I think of all the others who are sound asleep," Feist says. "I know I'll have the edge come sun-up."

Success is never a fluke," he counsels. "Success is hard work, discipline and a never-ending search for excellence."

Feist concluded:

"Put it this way—the computer and hard work are here to stay."

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The 12 Commandments Of Football Handicapping

By GARY AUSTIN

I. SEPARATE "HOME" AND "AWAY" PERFORMANCES

"You must separate home and away performances. It's like handicapping two different teams. A prime example is the Cleveland Browns from last season who were only 3-5 vs the spread at home, but 6-1-1 vs the points on the road. It seemed that the Browns had the ability to play most teams close. This is good for the bettor if the team is a road dog and Cleveland was 5-1 in that category in 1984. On the other hand, playing teams close is not always profitable if the team being backed is a home favorite and the Browns were a meager 1-4 ATS in that category last season. If the Browns had scored a few more points Sam Rutigliano might still be the coach. As it was, the lack of offensive firepower, but abundance of defensive stubborness could have led the sharp bettor to a profitable season. Another prime example is the Tampa Bay Bucaneers. John McKay's last season was memorable for his 0-8 outright record on the road. Under the Florida sun, the Bucs were a totally different team as witnessed by a very profitable 6-1-1 ATS record at home. A typical example of the linemaker overreacting to the dismal road record. There is an opportunity for a good play in either situation and the bettor must be ever ready to take advantage of these line mismatches.

II. BET WITH YOUR HEAD NOT YOUR HEART

"Don't bet on a team just because you're rooting for it. Much as you might hate to do it, if you're a Steeler fan, betting in Pittsburgh, you should probably wager against them. Prior to Super Bowl XIV, Steeler fans, backing their team in Pittsburgh, were forced to give 12, 13 or ever 14 points to the underdog Rams. The bookmakers in Vegas and most of the rest of the country opened the line at 10 and never went above 11. The 31-19 final score made Steeler bettors winners everywhere except in Pittsburgh. In general, if you bet against the home team in the team's home city, you'll get the best of the line and probably end up a winner over the season."

III. PROPER MONEY MANAGEMENT IS ESSENTIAL

"You're taking a shot in the dark if you bet a game just to get even or because you're going to watch it on television. If you have no opinion, pass. If you must bet, make it small and don't double up on the later game to make up for losing the first. An average wager should be 3% of your total bankroll. You should never risk more than 5% on any one play, even when you believe you've got a so-called "lock". To win you must be in action. Don't let a losing streak reduce your bankroll so far you lose your earning power."

IV. LEARN TO SPOT TRENDS EARLY

You're in a strong position when you pick up something early in a season that the linemakers overlooked. For instance, last season the Atlanta Falcons became a team which was consistently overrated by the linemakers. Atlanta lost its quarterback, Steve Bartkowski, its ace running back, William Andrews and return man, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson. For whatever reason the linemaker never adjusted the number on Falcon games and by playing against this demoralized crew, a fair profit would have been realized. Teams like Green Bay and Houston started the season with problems and injuries and new personnel. They were a perfect bet against teams in the early season who got better as the season progressed. Handicappers can jump on something like this right away, while the linemakers move more slowly not wanting to make giant adjustments early in the season. You might be able to beat their brains out while they gradually bring their line in step with the trend.

V. USE CAUTION WHEN BETTING ON PUBLIC TEAMS

"Big name teams are nearly always overrated by a point or two because the novice will so often bet them just because of their reputation. For many years the Dallas Cowboys were 'America's Team', consistently going to the playoffs but producing disastrous point-spread records like their 5-11 mark in 1979. Last season, the near AFC champions, the New York Giants bumped off the Dallas Cowboys at home in the second game. The public jumped on the Giants and took a bath as the Giants proved it was a fluke by blowing the next four to the spread. Notre Dame is a good example in college football as the Irish have a 26-39 ATS record the last six years. In other words, Notre Dame loses three out of every five games by the spread because everybody thinks they're the greatest team in college football. The bookmakers realize this and usually make the price on them too high."

VI. BE WARY OF "MUST WIN" SITUATIONS

"In this situation the bookmaker knows in advance where most of the money is going—namely on the team that must win to reach the playoffs. If you bet that side, you're obviously getting the worst of the line. So the play is not as good as many think."

VII. SPOT STREAKS AND RIDE THEM OUT

"A team that wins one game has a strong tendency to win their next. Players get a more positive attitude and try harder. The opposite is true when a team is losing. You should respect streaks, especially in baseball and basketball, where teams play often and establish momentum. A good way to lose money is to bet that a streak will end."

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The Prime Time Primer

By JIM FEIST

On September 9, it's Little Big Horn all over again as the Redskins invade Irving for a clash with the Cowboys. Dallas has a lot to redeem itself for because of last season's disastrous record. Tom Landry will have the Pokes looking for Redskin scalps, but the Cowboy record of 6-13 as a favorite on Monday Night Football does not look good, especially compared to the Redskins record of 9-2 as a dog on MNF. Does that mean that Washington is a lock? Despite the fact that home teams hold an incredible edge against the points on Monday Night's, think twice before plunking your loot on the Pokes.

The past fifteen years have seen some truly outstanding upsets on the prime-time tube and last year was no exception. On October 29, no one expected the Seattle Seahawks to shut out the San Diego Chargers. The Seahawks had been doing real well, but to shut down the vaunted Air Coryell forces under the leadership of General Fouts was asking too much, or was it. Fouts never got untracked as the Knox coached Hawks jumped on top and played perfectly wasting the Chargers 24-0.

Monday Night Football tends to bring out the best in some teams, like the previously mentioned Washington Redskins, whose 9-2 dog record is noteworthy. Others do not fare so well. Besides the Cowboys, other teams who seem to be gasping for air during MNF appearances are the Denver Broncos and New England Patriots.

The Patriots are really in trouble and their game at Miami on December 16 is not one that loyal New England followers should not wager the Christmas money on, if history is any indication. New England is 0-5 ATS on the road in Monday Night games and the team will be visiting the Miami Dolphins. Miami is 12-5 in games in the Orange Bowl on MNF and will be up for the Pats. Add this to the fact that the Patriots have only covered one game in Miami since 1969 and the bettor has a disaster waiting to happen.

The revitalized Chicago Bears will have a chance to show just how far reaching revitalization can be. The Bears are 0-6 as an away dog on the tube on Mondays and most assuredly be a dog when they visit Miami on December 2. If the Bear defense can contain Marino, the Monsters of the Midway may score enough to stay close and break that losing streak against the points.

The Cincinnati Bengals are not a good road bet to begin with an Monday has fit right into the schedule in the past. Over the last 15 years, the Bengals are a horrid 1-8 vs the points on the road on MNF. On September 30, the Cincy squad will be at Pittsburgh and the Chuck Noll coached Steelers are 7-3 as a home favorite on MNF since 1970. Is this a Steeler victory? It is too early to tell, but one should walk easy around a sleeping Bengal.

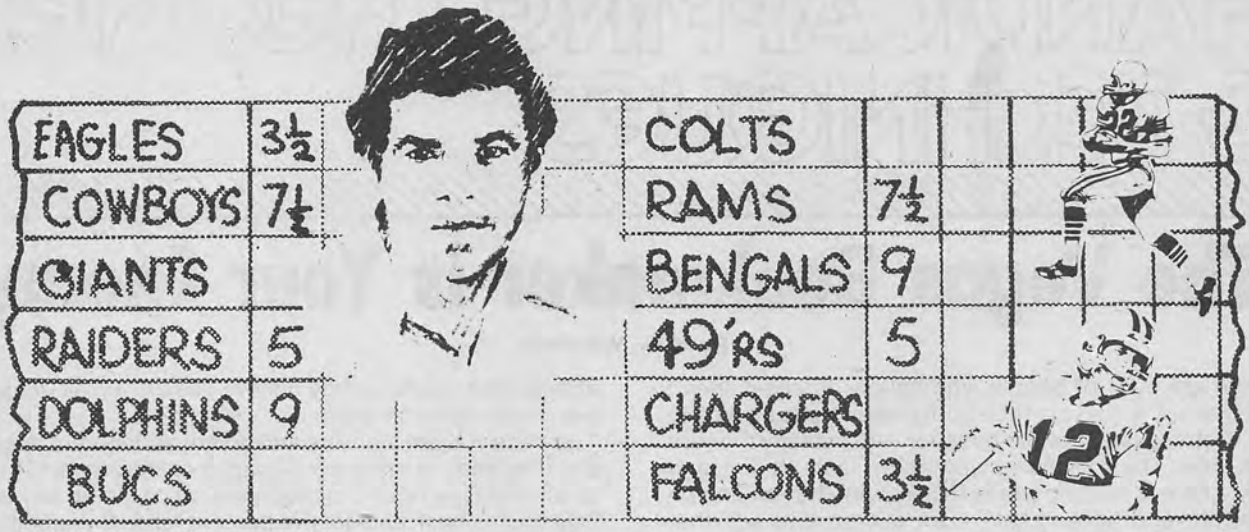
Last, but not least, is the closing game on the card. On December 23, the Los Angeles Raiders visit their new city rival, the Los Angeles Rams and at the moment seem to be a pointspread certainty. The Raiders are 7-1 vs the spread as dogs on MNF and the Rams are only 2-5 as home favorites the past 15 years. It should be a good game and if the camera picks up a picture of Al Davis mugging Georgia Frontiere in the pre-game ceremonies, run to the bookmaker and bet the ranch on the Raiders plus one.

The year will be full of obvious bets and by checking this chart every Monday, the bettor will at least be aware of some of the obvious bets that have gone down over the last 15 seasons of Monday Night Football. Now, if Howard Cosell would only come back and...

RECORDS FOR EACH NFL TEAM ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SINCE 1970

TEAM	HF	HU	AF	AU	TOTAL
ATLANTA	1-5	2-0	0-1	3-4	6-10
BUFFALO	1-2	3-1	0-0	2-3	6- 6
CHICAGO	1-1	3-1	0-1	0-6	4- 9
CINCINNATI	2-0	0-2	0-1	1-7	3-10
CLEVELAND	2-1	3-2	1-0	1-0	7- 3
DALLAS	3-7	0-0	3-6	2-4	8-17
DENVER	1-5	1-0	0-0	1-6	3-11
DETROIT	4-2	1-3	0-1	2-0	7- 6
GREEN BAY	1-0	4-0	0-2	5-3	10- 5
HOUSTON	2-0	1-4	1-0	2-2	6- 6
INDIANAPOLIS	2-1	1-1	0-3	1-2	4- 7
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PITTSBURGH	7-3	0-0	5-4	2-2	14- 9
ST. LOUIS	2-1	0-1	0-1	2-3	4- 6
SAN DIEGO	6-2	4-0	0-2	2-1	12- 5
SAN FRANCISCO	3-2	2-1	1-0	1-1	7- 4
SEATTLE	1-1	2-0	0-0	2-0	5- 1
TAMPA	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	2- 1
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The Vegas Bookmaker is Your Enemy

By MIKE WARREN

There are a lot of people who believe the best friend they have in the world is their bookmaker. He is so nice to them. Nothing is out of the question—especially if one is a high roller. The bookmaker wants his clients smiling and happy. There is nothing worse to deal with then an unhappy bettor—and bookmakers work overtime to see that you're happy—even when you're losing.

Smart bettors have nothing but a business relationship with their bookmakers. That keeps them at arms-length distance they need to preserve a relationship in which there is no con on either party's part.

The word may seem too strong, but in truth, the bookmaker is your **enemy**. He has one goal in mind — and that is to beat you and then collect when he does. How can an individual whose only goal in life is to take your money be your friend? He is the enemy and never forget it.

Take every edge that you can in beating your bookmaker. Shop around for lines, demand prompt payment when you win, call his hand when he offers you a bad line. Let him know that you're no chump—that you're a smart bettor who intends to take every edge that you can to beat him. This one thing alone will put your relationship on the same level at which he looks at you—and it becomes all business.

In addition to trying to be your friend, the bookmaker is forced to be a credit analyst, a bookkeeper, a student of odds, and master of debits and credits, a collection agency, a banker and, on occasion, an enforcer.

The friendly image portrayed by the bookmaker throws many a gambler for a loop. He calls his bookmaker in the same manner he would ask a priest to pray for him. This confidential relationship seems to make bettors drop their guards when they are dealing with their friendly bookmaker.

Think of how many times you, or someone you've known, has approached his bookmaker as if he were merely having a drink with his best friend. If you think about it, you will realize that what you have here is one party which is all business and another which acts as if he is in church. Is it any wonder the bookmaker drives the big cars and lives in the big houses?

Bookmakers use this friendly, outgoing demeanor to get you to drop your guard—and they then stick it to you. How, you might ask, can bookmakers beat players? Doesn't everyone play by the same rules?

If you believe that, you're friendly bookmaker has wrapped you around his little finger. He has you right where he wants you. Most bookmakers are honest in that they will pay you if you beat them—so long as you don't beat them for too much.

Friends?

What about those bookmakers who charge you 6-5 instead of 10-11 vigorish on games? Jessie James wore a mask. These guys rape and plunder without shame. It's highway robbery in the fast lane and bookmakers are only able to do it because they believe you are a sick gambler who must have the action.

In case you are a novice and do not understand juice or vigorish, keep in mind the average bookmaker is not that at all. He is a refined accountant whose only job is to balance his book and get five percent fee for handling lost bets.

For instance, when you bet with a legitimate bookmaker, he will ask you to lay $11 to win $10. This means that, if you lose, you owe him $11. If you win, he owes you $10. The extra $1 charge for losers is his commission for handling the bet. Good bookmakers work on that fee, too, and not by gambling on games by taking a disproportionate amount of action on any single team.

If Washington is playing Dallas, the good bookmaker would have an equal amount of money on both teams. If he had a total of $10,000 bet on the game, he would want $5,000 on Washington and $5,000 on Dallas.

When the game was over, he would owe the winners $5,000 and would collect $5,500 from the losers, ie 11-10. The $500 would be his profit for handling the action. If he were asking 6-5, which is highway robbery, he would collect $6,000 from the losers, and a lot of bookmakers do just that.

Friends?

The biggest trap any bookmaker can set for a bettor is that of following local teams. For instance, there is no greater sucker in the world than a University of Texas football fan living in Dallas. He lives and dies with those Longhorns and he'll pay almost any price to bet on them. The same could be said for almost any university in the country, whether it be Michigan, Notre Dame, Alabama, Georgia, Southern Cal, Ohio State or Kentucky. Fans like to bet on "their" teams.

Bookmakers know this and make fans pay ridiculous prices to wager on local favorites. Texas might be a two-point favorite over Oklahoma in Las Vegas, Minnesota, New York, Miami and Los Angeles and be a 5½-point favorite in Dallas and Houston. This is highway robbery in its most blatant form and makes those guys who charge 6-5 look like Sunday School teachers.

Betting lines fall with 1½ points of the number 87 percent of the time. What kind of chance do you have when you lay 5½ points in a game in which the actual line is 2? Little and none. It is as simple as that.

But the friendly bookmakers keep sticking it to the locals and the locals love it. These same people wouldn't pay $11,000 for a new car they could buy down the block for $7,000, but gambling makes them put their brains into neutral.

Keep in mind: it is your "friendly' bookmaker who is ripping you off.

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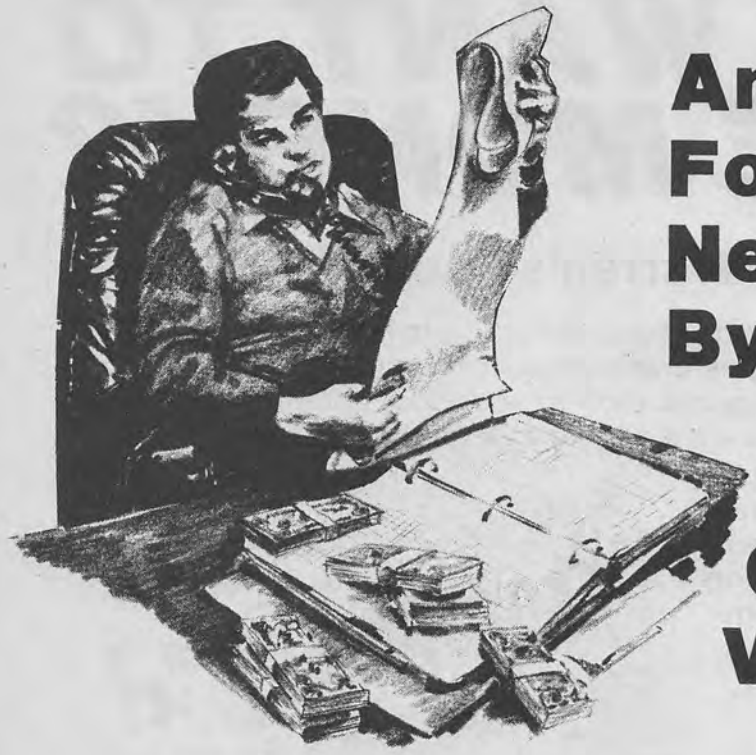
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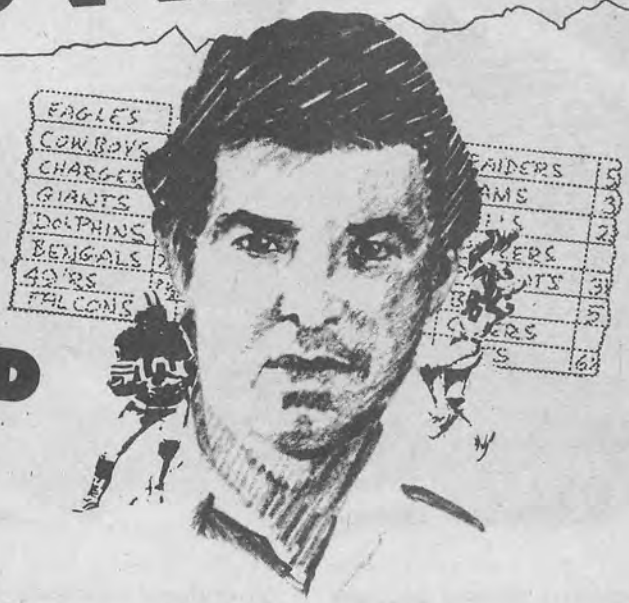
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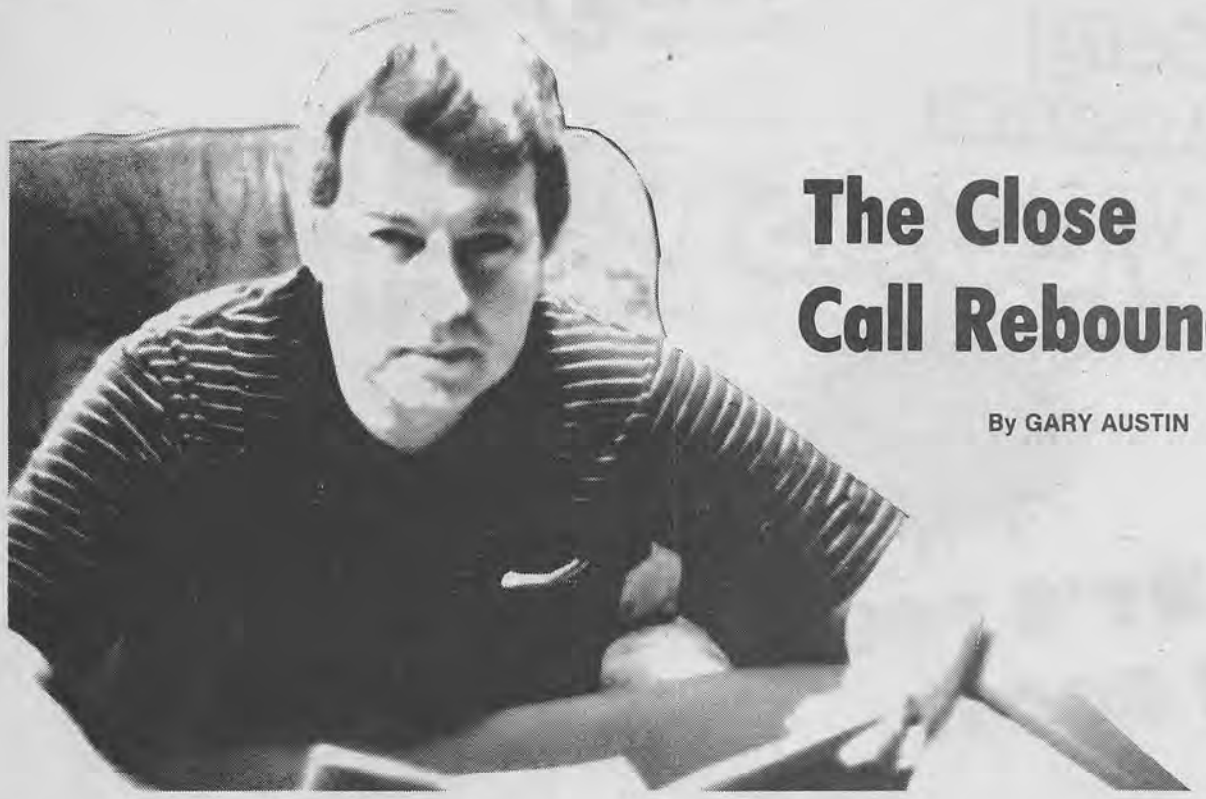
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The Close Call Rebound

By GARY AUSTIN

Pete Rozelle is smiling because the National Football League is as close to parity as any sports league in the free enterprise system can become. That leaves only a few weak sisters and the double digit favorite is not as common as it used to be. Whether that is because there are few teams that stand out as that much above average or because there are few that lag behind is not relevant.

What is important is that I have found a trend that works around this disparity. It stands to reason that a team that is favored by 10 or more points is thought to be a lot better than its opponent. I think so, you think so, the odds maker thinks so and I'll guarantee you so does the team that is favored.

Not all double digit favorites cover the spread. Of this, we are sometimes painfully aware. We know there are more than a few reasons for this. The most popular reason is because the superior team gets a big lead and coasts the rest of the way in, playing loose defense, conservative offense, not to mention the second team. The bettor often times finds himself beaten by the "so what" touchdown that matters only to him.

Another reason for failing to cover those double digits is the ho-hum feeling that can crop into a teams attitude. Even the best coached and best prepared teams find themselves just not taking the opposition seriously. Seldom is this team beaten, but over the course of the last five seasons there have been a few occasions when the favored team narrowly escaped with a victory.

I found that those double digit favorites that for whatever reason, win the game outright by less than a touchdown, do exceptionally well vs the spread the following week. The strongest category turns out to be home favorites. Since 1979, seven times the big favorite has stolen a win and on all seven occasions the spread. That usually allows for only one or two plays a year, but as long as it wins, who cares.

Last year, there were no plays. There were only a handful of teams that were double digit favorites and won by less than seven points. In each, case, the followng game was on the road. In handicapping, rules are made to be followed. If a system only calls for a play using plan"A," then you must have the discipline to wait for plan "A" to develop.

This particular system is based on sound theory and winning plays will happen if the bettor allows them to. Do not push and reach for plays and success will follow you. If you can control yourself, you will be surpised to find out how often the ball will begin to take bounces for you. You will be amazed at how many of those rotten judgment calls will begin to go your way. The amount of times the other team drops the ball in crucial situations will begin to multiply and so will your bank balance.

Keep your eye on the scoreboard and you will find this play from time to time. You can be pretty sure that some double digit dog will throw a scare into an emotionally unprepared team sometime this coming season. If that favored team is also at home the following week and is favored, I am pretty sure backing them will be profitable.

WORKOUT FOR CLOSE CALL REBOUND

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1983	2-0
1982	1-0
1981	1-0
1980	2-0
1979	1-0
TOTAL	7-0



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Go West, Young Pup



By MARK HARRIS (All American Sports)

It is a well known and accepted fact of nature that only the strong survive. The Raiders, once of Oakland, now of Los Angeles, have set the standard for excellence throughout twenty five years of National and American Football League action. The Raiders wherever they play, always make their opponent earn a victory.

In the ten year period from 1967-1976, the Raiders 108-25 outright win record is impossible to fault, unless you count 1971 when their 8-4 record was only good for second place. In that period, 1971 was the only year they did not win their division championship. This record is as impressive as any Boston Celtic, New York Yankee, Ty Cobb or Babe Ruth record.

It was apparent to other members of the AFC West that the competitive factor was being eliminated as Al Davis' gang totally dominated. They had to struggle to gain a foothold of their own, because Davis would not give his mother water in the Sahara, unless she promised to pay tribute. They should thank him for his winner take all philosophy, because the division is now considered to be the toughest in the League. Denver Kansas City, Los Angeles, San Diego and Seattle are almost always involved in the playoff fights to the last day. This increases fan interest and revenue is high in these locations, because attendance is up.

Like a rowdy gang of marauding siblings, they seem to take the most joy out of beating up on each other. Each one of these teams is very tough at home, particularly if they are playing one of their own. These five teams have contributed to an incredible NFL statistic that has been as consistent as anything you can imagine. In the last 12 seasons, AFC West home underdogs vs their own division teams are a combined 43-16 against the spread. It is difficult to find a betting edge this sharp and this consistent. The record is 72.9% and that is effective, to say the least.

Last season was no different from any other, as a 6-1 ATS record padded the statistic.

The only loss was experienced by the San Diego Chargers on October 21. If you remember that game, the Raiders were at San Diego and favored by three. Dan Fouts engineered a last minute comeback that seemed to draw the Chargers even only to have a penalty nullify a get even score, as the Raiders won 44-37, causing this betting angle to experience defeat for the only time in 1984.

Kansas City is a fine example of the competitive nature of the division. The Chiefs have been experiencing difficulty for the past couple of years because of injuries and the untimely death of ace running back Joe Delaney, but they were 4-0 as a home dog vs their division rivals last season.

The first spread victory was in the third week of the season as they played their hearts out against the Raiders. They came up short in the score, losing 22-20 on a late field goal, but the aware bettor showed a profit, because the line was Kansas City plus three and a hook.

On October 14, they hosted the San Diego Chargers and pounced on them early and often and coasted to a 31-13 rout. As a home dog of two, Kansas City proved easy pickings as bankrolls swelled, at least some did.

As the season dwindled down to a precious few games, it became apparent that the Chiefs were going nowhere and Denver and Seattle were the two strongest teams in the division. So what does Kansas City do? The Chiefs beat Denver 16-13 at plus four and the next week followed up with a 34-7 pasting of Seattle. The Chiefs were again a four point dog and had the pleasure of salvaging a rough season by throwing the race up for grabs.

It is apparent that if you want to be successful, you must keep up with the competition. The members of the AFC West Division seem to have learned the lesson very well. The bettor should be aware that the same options are open to him or her and this betting angle should prove to be a profitable tool.

WORKOUT FOR GO WEST YOUNG PUP

TEAM	12 YEAR RECORD
DENVER	3-1
KANSAS CITY	16-6
LOS ANGELES	4-0
SAN DIEGO	9-8
SEATTLE	11-1
TOTAL	43-16 (72.9%)

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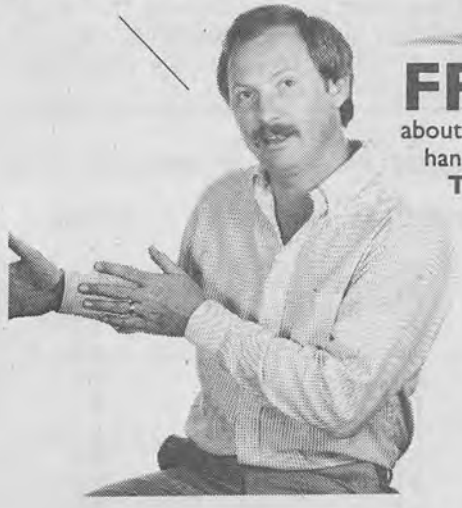


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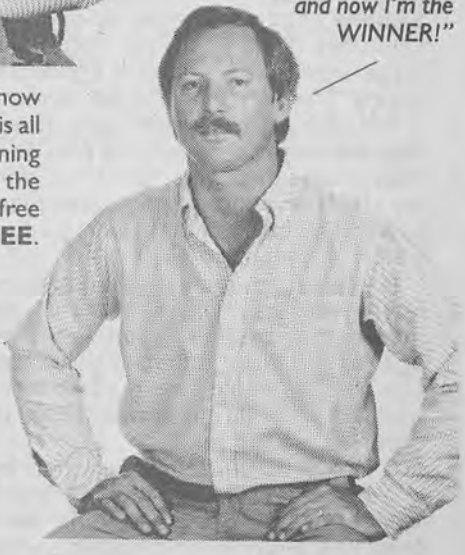




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Making Something Out of Nothing

By JIM FEIST



Occasionally a system comes along that allows us to bet the fairly obvious team. When that happens, the average bettor is so hung up about getting hung up, he overlooks it anyway. Fear not, there is a time when a wager against a rat team is a good and profitable undertaking. The only thing buried is your bookmaker.

For years, I have been aware that teams that were shut out were a very reliable play as a home dog in their next couple of games, but it has only recently come to my attention what a bad bet this team is as a favorite. It seemed so obvious that I was surprised to find out how well it actually worked.

It seems the linemaker tends to overrate how fast a team recovers from a shutout, especially when he makes this team a favorite. Since 1973, by betting against any favorite that was shutout the week before, a sharp bettor would have realized an overwhelming 28-12 won-lost ratio on his wagers. This is a 70 win percentage.

It makes no difference whether the team in question is a home favorite or an away favorite. By betting the other side of this team at home, the record would have been 21-9. Betting the other side when the team was on the road, the record would have been 7-3.

Last year the record was 2-1, with both wins coming by betting against home favorites in the given situation. The loss was against an away favorite.

On September 30, the Chiefs beat Cleveland at home, by the score of 10-6. Kansas City was a five point favorite and failed to cover, supplyng the first victory of the year for the system. The play had been set up the week before, when Kansas City had got blown out by Denver 21-0.

The only losing play for the theory occurred on November 4, when the Chargers destroyed the Indianapolis Colts by the score of 38-10. Air Coryell wanted this one badly and spared no feelings as Fouts was tossing the ball up in the final seconds looking for more. The reason for the explosion was the previous game. On Monday Night Football on October 29, the Chargers were embarrassed at home by the Seattle Seahawks 24-0. The play unfortunately was on the Colts and the system took a loss right on the chin, but rebounded for another win to cement another positive winning season.

On November 4, as the theory was taking a beating, the next play was being set up. The Seattle Seahawks were embarrassing the Kansas City Chiefs in a worse manner than they did the Chargers. The final score of 45-0 demoralized the Chiefs. The next week, the Chiefs hosted the winless Oilers and came up short as a 13 point favorite. As Houston won 17-16 the sharp bettor was rolling, in cash.

For 12 years, the system has proven more than equal to the task and 1985 is quickly approaching. I feel the theory will supply a number of plays, the majority of which will be winning ones.

WORKOUT FOR MAKING SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING

YEAR	HOME FAV.	AWAY FAV.	TOTAL
1984	2-0	0-1	2-1
1983	2-2	0-0	2-2
1982	0-1	1-0	1-1
1981	3-0	1-0	4-0
1980	2-0	0-0	2-0
1979	1-1	2-0	3-1
1978	1-1	0-0	1-1
1977	2-1	1-0	3-1
1976	3-1	0-0	3-1
1975	1-1	1-0	2-1
1974	2-0	1-0	3-0
1973	2-1	0-2	2-3
TOTAL			28-12



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HANDICAPPING THEORIES & TECHNIQUES



Between the Las Vegas Lines

By MIKE WARREN

Say all you want about betting sports, it all comes down to one thing: the line. That number telling what the favorite should win by determines all the action. Either you take it or give it, but you live with it.

Now everyone wants to know about this "golden number". Who makes it? How is it decided? Why is their bookie's number different?

First things first. The line seems baffling to even the serious sports bettors. Let me say one thing: the line is to ensure that action will be even on both teams so the bookie will make his 10 percent vigorish no matter who wins. The line is not what bookies think a team will win by, although it has some relationship.

You have to remember the line comes from humans just like you and me. They make mistakes, but are usually very good. It is made by men with years and years of experience in the business. But it's like Sonny Reizner, director of the Castaway's casino and sports book, says, "The line is not issued from a mountaintop, it is not engraved and it is not infallible."

So the lines are started right after the NFL games are completed and the "Outlaw" line comes out around 10 p.m. (EST). This line is usually given out to high-rollers, who take a shot at it. Sports book owners feel high-rollers will jump on mistakes, costing them less for high-rollers to bang away and then make corrections than to have the general public hit the numbers.

Also, any late information can alter a line from Sunday night to the Monday morning posting for the general public. All sports books have also consulted with each other by then. Believe me, they do consult each other. No one wants to be real far out and let the punters kill him. There's safety in keeping numbers close. Post too many bad numbers and you're out of business.

Once the line is posted, the bettor is asked to lay 11-10 on either side.

What makes the line move? Usually large amounts bet on one side, but it can be smaller things like an injury or weather report. Sometimes it can be inside information like a player's wife left him Friday. Most sports books in Vegas won't move a line unless a high-roller plunks down amounts like $10,000, which happens all the time.

Why are games sometimes off-the-board?

"Sometimes there is so much uncertainty about a game that it is taken off until unknown factors can be determined," said Reizner. "Games are taken off the board when both teams have no incentive to play...it occurs when playoff positions have been determined."

But if the Vegas line is three on a game, why does your bookie have it at four? There's nothing that says lines have to be the same and the bookie is working the line to his advantage. You take it or leave it. That's why it's best to have several bookies.

The one line that's relatively new is the overs/unders. Many players put smaller wagers on this. For example, if the overs/unders is 45, you bet whether the game's combined score will be under 45 or over.

Here's a simple method on betting overs/unders. Check whether the teams are offensive or defensive-minded. Then look for high numbers to see if you can find a reason to bet under. It's the oppositie when the overs/unders number is low. Look for reasons to bet high.

But the best advice I can give you on betting the lines is to do your homework. Keep a notebook on all the teams, writing in each week the opening and closing lines, overs/unders, scoring and notes. Then compare them over the season looking for trends. It's good to buy a book having past data too. You can find them in many book stores.

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There's No Place Like Home On Monday Night

By GARY AUSTIN

In 1970 the NFL had a dream and ABC television helped it come true and introduced an unsuspecting audience to the legend that would come to be known as Howard Cosell. The further Howard's hairline receded, the higher went the ratings. In time, Monday Night Football was raised to the level of a sub-culture. The only thing larger than Howard's ego was overwhelming acceptance of prime time National Football League games.

No matter what happened on Sunday, the player now had the chance to either get out or parlay a successful week into a real bonanza on Monday night. The secret was to figure out which team to rest your wager on. The answer soon became obvious. Simply bet the home team. Never mind opposite surface intraconference underdogs who won their last game by three when the line was six on a cloudy Saturday in Rangoon. Just bet the home team.

Since its inception in 1970, Monday Night Football has had a distinctive home flavor. The first game was Cleveland vs the New York Jets, led by Broadway Joe Namath. The Brownies made their first AFC game a winning one by grounding the Jets 31-21. At minus two, they started a long history of home team spread victories.

How successful has the home team theory been on MNF? Well, since 1970 the home club has gone an astounding 127-78-4 vs the points. This is a steady 62%. There have been only two losing seasons since it began and there have been some unbelievable results in other years to more than make up for it.

Last year was one of those losing years as the home team covered only seven of the sixteen games. Even at 7-9, worse disasters have befallen the unsuspecting bettor.

Reasons for home team success on Monday nights range from more time to prepare to the reactions of overzealous fans who know they are on national display. A team that is really at a disadvantage is one that plays on the road on Sunday then also is the visitor the following Monday, especially when their opponent has been home on those dates. Thus, the visiting team loses two days to travel in an eight day span.

Another reason for home team dominance is that most coaches tend to play it close to the vest on National TV. No one wants to look like a fool in front of that many people. The games are mostly played to capitalize on the other teams mistakes, while minimizing your own. This usually leads to close games and at times like those, the home field advantage shows up. The referees, whose integrity I do not question, can still hear the crowd and it takes very little to influence you when a close play requires a quick decision. Add this to the fact that parity has made most teams pretty much equal eliminating large pointspreads, and we see how being at home in front of a partisan crowd can not hurt.

So, if you're looking for a solid Monday Night Football theory that has stood the test of time, and you want the crowd rooting for you, bet the home team. You should show a nice profit every year, and even if you lose a game now and then, at least you know that there are at least 80,000 other unhappy people out there.

WORKOUT FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME ON MONDAY NIGHT

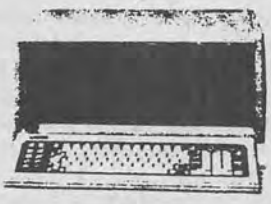
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1979	9-7	1972	5-7-1	
1978	10-6	1971	9-4	
1977	10-3	1970	7-5-1	
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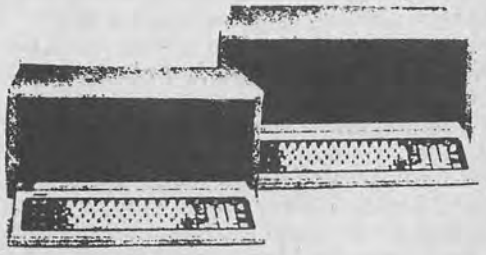
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Taking Charge-rs

By MARK HARRIS
(All-American Sports)

By now everyone has jumped on the San Diego bandwagon for totals. Every amateur handicapper thinks he is a genius because he has figured out that the Chargers score a lot of points and their defense gives up as many, if not more. The bettor would have gone 9-7 vs the spread if he had bet the over in every San Diego game.

The professional handicapper has to have more angles than that in order to succeed in sports gambling. Every avenue must be explored, every logically sound corner must be looked at. Sometimes, even the illogical can lead to a succession of winning plays.

There is money to be made on San Diego and totals, you only have to know where to look. Professional football is unique in that the team has a whole week to prepare for any given opponent. The coaching staff has time to figure out the specific weaknesses or strengths any foe can possibly have and work their own team to take best advantage of the liabilities. It is common knowledge that the Chargers pass quiet effectively and defend against both the run and the pass equalling ineffectively. I wanted to see what effect, if any, game preparation carry over.

What was of primary interest was how the totals were effected by any team that played San Diego. Does the opponent tend to score more or less points in the next game? Does the opponent tend to allow more or less points in the next game? Is there any common ground the linemaker overlooks when setting the total?

It seems that since 1980, when betting totals became more prevalent, there are two separate trends that have developed. Each is strong by itself and worthy of play potential. The first involves teams within their own division. The other teams in the American Football Conference Western Division are Denver, Kansas City, Los Angeles and Seattle. These teams play the Chargers twice in any given year and the effect seems to be different on them than on other teams that only play San Diego once during the season. The teams in the AFC West tend to go over in their next game. For whatever reason, game preparation or a glaring error by the linemaker, the record since 1980 is 22 over and 9 under. There is too much disparity in the results to be mere coincidence.

The first part of the system can be stated simply: PLAY ANY AFC WEST TEAM TO GO OVER IN THE VERY NEXT GAME AFTER PLAYING SAN DIEGO. It makes no difference how the team in question did either outright or against the points. It also makes no difference whether the team went over or under in the San Diego game.

One example from last season involves the L.A. Raiders. On October 21, the Raiders were at San Diego and after the dust cleared and all the bodies were removed, the Raiders had won a slugfest by the score of 44-37, covering the three point road favorite role. The following game, the Raiders were on the road visiting the Mile High gang. The total for this struggle opened at 41 and the unaware bettors brought the line down to 38. I want to thank them, because my play was the over and when the Denver field goal made it 22-19, I collected on my over bet.

Just as the Division opponent seems to be involved in games that go over the total in the following game, the non-division club tends to go under. It makes no difference what the result of the game with San Diego was, the team is involved in games that have gone under 24 times and over only 11 times. The second part of the system can be worded simply, also: BET ANY TEAM OTHER THAN THE AFC WEST TO GO UNDER IN THE VERY NEXT GAME FOLLOWING SAN DIEGO. It makes no difference whether the team in question is the AFC or the NFC.

The Green Bay Packers had started the season slowly and were just beginning to jell on October 7. They hosted the San Diego Chargers and even though the spread was plus three, the Pack came up short in the 28-34 setback. The following week on Monday Night Football the Packers were in Denver to play the Broncos. It was time to break out the snowshoes as the Broncos came out on top in a 17-14 battle in futility. I'm not saying I knew it was going to snow, but it is amazing how even the weather cooperates when you have a strong system. The combined 31 points held the game to an under as the number was 38.

The Miami Dolphins were 11-0 and looking forward to another winning game against the porous San Diego defense on November 18. They scored the normal 28 points, but the "Killer Bees" gave up 34 as they experienced their first setback. The following week they were at home vs the New York Jets. This game was also on Monday Night Football and the warmth and humidity served as much as a deterrent to my system as the snow in Denver did. True, the final score of 28-17 fell just under the 45 and one half total, but even the hook helps you when the system is strong.

The four year total for this system is a very strong 46-20, which is .697%. It is not difficult to make money in sports betting if you have some idea what is a strong play and what is not. The professional sports handicapper has many theories and systems that cover an unbelievable amount of ground and encompass many ideas. There is no end to the angles the pro uses to supply winning plays.

WORKOUT FOR TAKING CHARGE-RS

YEAR	DIVISION	NON-DIVISION	TOTAL
1984	4-2	5-3	9-4
1983	11-5	1976	10-3
1982	5-4	1975	6-6-1
1981	10-6	1974	5-7-1
1980	11-5	1973	12-1
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1977	10-3	1970	7-5-1
TOTALS	22-9	24-11	46-20 .697

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Every Underdog Has His Day

By JIM FEIST

If you accept the premise that nearly 90% of the games in the National Football League are covered by the winning team, you can accept the fact that a four or five game losing streak against the points is just as important as an outright losing streak of the same length. A losing streak vs the points is a strong indicator that the team in question is not playing up to snuff. Not only is the General Manager of the team a little confused, so is the linemaker. I really don't care if the GM has ulcers, but when that linemaker is off, I care.

A smart bettor always looks for value. When the public begins to lose faith in a team, that is when the sharp handicapper begins to consider that same team. How many losses is enough to change someone's mind? There are some very successful players who keep doubling up the size of their bet until a profit is realized. Most players can not afford to take this chance, because of a limited bankroll and, let's face it — limited courage.

There is a school of thought that suggests that in gambling, courage can sometimes be equated with stupidity. Murphy's Law is the only law that must be remembered — "Whatever can go wrong will go wrong." Caution is suggested. That is why I am the leading proponent of systems and theories in the handicapping field. I want to know where the danger lies and I want to know what has been most successful for the most years. Consistency is the answer—it is what every successful bettor should be looking for. That is why I explore every possibility, be it from my own experience or from others.

Away underdogs who have lost four or five games in a row to the spread are an exciting and profitable play. Since 1979 this system has recorded an 72% winning edge factor. The record is 23-9 and that is not bad, my friend.

I would state the theory simply: PLAY ANY AWAY UNDERDOG THAT HAS LOST THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE GAMES TO THE SPREAD. It is important to know that a push starts the counts all over again.

Last year, the record slipped to 3-4, but the strength of the play for the past six years indicates that it should not be discarded without at least one more look.

On November 18, the Kansas City Chiefs supplied a play for the bettor. The team had failed to cover the last four games and were on the road vs AFC West rival Los Angeles. Raider fans anticipated a barbecue, because the Chiefs were definitely at a low. The linemaker made the Raiders a nine and one half point favorite and the Chiefs were the play. They lost 17-7, supplying one of the losses for the system, but setting themselves up for another play the following week. Now, with a five game ATS losing streak, the team visited the Meadowlands and it took last minute heroics for Phil Simms and company to pull out the win for the homestanding Giants, but the 28-27 final made the system a winner as the Chiefs were six point dogs.

The next day, on November 26, the high flying Miami Dolphins hosted the Jets. New York was in the throes of a four game against the points losing streak, including an outright loss to the Oilers the week before. Truly a demoralized squad, the linemaker gave them no chance against Miami. The Dolphins costed to an easy 28-17 victory, but the Jets covered the spread, because the line was 13½. Another winner for the system.

On December 2, the St. Louis Cardinals visited the New England Patriots and were a five point dog. After a strong beginning, the Cards were experiencing mid-season droop and the Pats were on the upswing with new coach Ray Berry. Everything pointed to a romp for the Patriots, except history. Many bettors were surprised as the Cards squashed the Pats 33-10, but not all.

I have known for years that the best time to jump on a loser is when everybody else is jumping off and have made a considerable amount of money in cases like this. It is good to see theories that bck up my beliefs and add money to my wallet. This one promises to have a good year in 1985 and I will be waiting to see when the novice gamblers start to lose faith.

WORKOUT FOR DOG THEORY

YEAR	RECORD
1984	3-4
1983	3-2
1982	2-0
1981	6-1
1980	6-2
1979	3-0
TOTAL	23-9 (71.8)

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HANDICAPPING THEORIES AND TECHNIQUES

Surface Factors

By ERNIE KAUFMAN

Two years ago (1983) the collective pointspread won-lost record of the Miami Dolphins, Green Bay Packers, and San Diego Chargers while on the road and playing on an artifical surface was:

3 wins and 12 losses!

As sports handicappers, if we examine the game results a little closer, we find one factor that stands out as a logical explanation of this group of teams' poor showing.

In all fifteen games, these teams were changing their playing surfaces from natural grass, a surface with quite different footing and feel from their home stadiums.

The changing surfaces or "Cross-Turf" factor has generally proven itself effective for all professional football teams since the inception of artificial surfaces some 17 years ago. It seems that ballclubs rarely can adjust successfully to the drastic transition. To actually move a football team from the surface that it is used to—both playing and practicing—gives an enormous advantage of the opposition which is, of course, playing on familiar surfaces.

With more teams than ever demonstrating the inability to switch surfaces successfully, there is an abundance of fabulous wagering situations available to the sports bettor.

In order to give you an in-depth look at all the possible results for changing surfaces, I have devised 4 separate categories for the years 1975–1984.

All results listed are against the pointspread.

1. Favorite teams changing from natural grass to astro-turf: 47 wins, 94 losses, 33% winners.

2. Underdog teams changing from natural grass to astro-turf: 172 wins, 188 losses, 48% winners.

3. Favorite teams changing from astro-turf to natural grass: 66 wins, 89 losses 43% winners.

4. Underdog teams changing from astro-turf to natural grass: 165 wins, 216 losses, 43% winners.

As sports handicappers, we would bet on all four situations to lose. This means that all of the above changing surface factors would have yielded profits over the nine year period.

The first category was most profitable, generating 67% pointspread wins if we bet a cross-turf favorite to fall against the line when moving from natural to artificial turf.

For those of you who are not familiar with surfaces used by professional football teams, I've included a list of this necessary information.

NATURAL	ARTIFICIAL
ATLANTA	BUFFALO
CLEVELAND	CHICAGO
DENVER*	CINCINNATI
GREEN BAY	DALLAS
LA RAIDERS	DETROIT
LA RAMS	HOUSTON
MIAMI*	INDIANAPOLIS
NEW YORK JETS	KANSAS CITY
SAN DIEGO	MINNESOTA
SAN FRANCISCO	NEW ENGLAND
TAMPA BAY	NEW ORLEANS
WASHINGTON*	NEW YORK GIANTS
	PITTSBURGH
	PHILADELPHIA
	SEATTLE
	ST. LOUIS

*Miami, Denver and Washington use Prescription Athletic Turf—(PAT); San Francisco uses Sports Turf. Both surfaces are natural.

I see no reason why the cross-turf factor should cease to be a highly profitable wagering determinant in 1985. Bet on it—!!!

My 12 Commandments of Wagering

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VIII. DON'T OVEREMPHASIZE INJURIES

"The public puts too much emphasis on injuries in pro sports, and bookmakers are aware of that when they make the line. Injuries may have been a factor years ago, but today all the pro teams are deep at most positions. The absence of an Earl Campbell or a top-notch quarterback, though, is worth two or three points in the spread or 20c on the money line. However, in college sports, particularly basketball, injuries are more likely to be a factor."

IX. BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERRATE MATCHUPS

"In the pro ranks, matchups, like injuries, are just not that important. Coaches are so sharp these days and look at so many films, that when they see a potential problem, they make adjustments. For example, Philadelphia receiver Harold Carmichael was supposed to be too tall and strong for the Raider secondary in the 1980 Super Bowl, but he became nonexistent because Oakland blitzed Ted Hendricks often and got weak side help from Rod Martin. Matchups can be important in college sports, especially basketball where a substitute can be completely overmatched. If a 7'1" center is going against a 6'7" pivotman, you figure the taller man is going to dominate at this level."

X. AVOID BETTING PARLAYS

"It's hard enough to win one play. Why put yourself in the position of having to win two? Besides, bookies pay 13-5 on parlays; the natural odds are 3-1. For parlays to pay off, you would have to picking 70% winners, and nobody can do that consistently."

XI. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MIDDLES

"Anytime you can get a favorite in football at −6, for example, and then the underdog at +8, you have good earning power. If you win one and lose one, you're out only the vigorish on your losing bet. However, when the favorite wins by 7, you win both ways, and the payoff is $20 for every dollar you risked losing. When you win one bet and tie the other, your profit is $10 for every dollar you risked losing. Middles pay off with enough frequency to make them good propositions for the player."

XII. BEWARE OF PARLAY CARDS

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A☐Male B☐Female

2. Age
A☐18 to 21 D☐40 to 49
B☐22 to 29 E☐50 to 59
C☐30 to 39 F☐60 and older

3. Education
A☐High school graduate D☐Postgraduate studies
B☐Attended college
C☐Graduated college E☐Vocational

4. Marital status
A☐Single D☐Separated
B☐Married E☐Widow/Widower
C☐Divorced

5. Annual income
A☐Up to $12,000 F☐$35,000-$49,999
B☐$12,000-$14,999 G☐$50,000-$74,999
C☐$15,000-$19,999 H☐$75,000-$99,999
D☐$20,000-$24,999 I ☐$100,000 or over
E☐$25,000-$34,000

6. Occupation
A☐Professional/Technical F☐Student
B☐Manager/Admin. G☐Military
C☐Sales H☐Self-employed
D☐Craftsman I ☐Other
E☐Civil servant

7. How do you rate your interest in sports betting?
A☐Very heavy—more than $1,000 per play
B☐Heavy—$500-$1,000 per play
C☐Serious—$300-$500 per play
D☐Moderate—$100-$300 per play
E☐Modest—Under $100 per play

8. Which Publications do you read regularly?
A☐Coll. & Pro News Wkly J☐Road & Track
B☐Esquire K☐Sail
C☐Football News L☐Sport
D☐Forbes M☐Sporting News
E☐Inside Sports N☐Sports Illustrated
F☐Newsweek O☐Tennis World
G☐Penthouse P☐USA Today
H☐Playboy Q☐Time
I ☐Pro Football Weekly R☐Wall St. Journal

9. What percentage of your wagering is placed on...
A☐NFL Football _____%
B☐College Football _____%
C☐USFL _____%
D☐Pro Basketball _____%
E☐College Basketball _____%
F☐Baseball _____%
G☐Hockey _____%
H☐Track (flats) _____%
I ☐Track (trotters) _____%
J☐Jai Alai _____%
K☐Casino Gambling _____%
L☐Boxing _____%

10. How often do you engage in forms of sports wagering (daily, weekly, etc)?

	Daily	Weekly	Other
A Football			
1. NFL	☐	☐	_____
2. College	☐	☐	_____
3. USFL	☐	☐	_____
B Basketball			
1. Pro	☐	☐	_____
2. College	☐	☐	_____
C Baseball			
1. National	☐	☐	_____
2. American	☐	☐	_____
D Track			
1. Flats	☐	☐	_____
2. Trotters	☐	☐	_____

11. How often do you engage in forms of casino gambling?
A☐28 or more days per year
B☐20-27 days
C☐10-19 days
D☐1-9 days
E☐Vacations only
F☐none

12. If you engage in casino gambling, what do you play most?
A☐roulette D☐poker
B☐blackjack E☐slot machines
C☐craps F☐baccarat

13. What percentage of your TV viewing is made up of sports (please include percentage next to each sport viewed)?
A☐NFL Football _____%
B☐College Football _____%
C☐USFL _____%
D☐Pro Basketball _____%
E☐College Basketball _____%
F☐Baseball _____%
G☐Hockey _____%
H☐Horse racing _____%
I ☐Golf tournaments _____%
J☐Boxing _____%
K☐Wrestling _____%
L☐Car racing _____%
M☐Olympics _____%
N☐Pro Bowling _____%

14. Which sports do you participate in?
A☐Baseball I ☐Skating
B☐Basketball J☐Skiing
C☐Bowling K☐Soccer
D☐Boxing L☐Softball
E☐Football M☐Swimming
F☐Golf N☐Tennis
G☐Hockey O☐Wrestling
H☐Running

15. Your primary source of sports news is:
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When the Music Stops

By GARY AUSTIN

The Music Stops theory had another winning season in 1984, producing five victories against only three defeats, bringing the 10 year total to 45-25, a .643 winning mark.

Listing some of the games from last season will highlight the system. Denver broke fast out of the gate and was cruising on top of the tough American Football Conference Western Division. From September 16 to October 7, the Broncs wheeled off four consecutive spread decisions. On Monday night, the 15th of October, Denver failed to cover the spread against the Green Bay Packers, despite being up 14-0 in the first 30 seconds. A sudden snowfall and a Green Bay team that did not quit led to a narrow 17-14 victory breaking the ATS string as the Broncos were favored by six. The next game, Denver was on the road and favored by three in Buffalo. The system indicated a play on the Bills and a losing play it was as Denver kicked the Bills butts 37-7.

That game started another string of Denver spread wins and after five in a row, the Broncos failed to win or cover as a three point favorite over Seattle at home on November 25, as the Seahawks won 27-24. The next game the Broncos were on the road at Kansas City and the system indicated the Chiefs were the play. The System rebounded as Kansas City won 16-13 as a four point dog.

Another example of the strength of the play was at the expense of the Miami Dolphins. After a 10-0 start, the Dolphins had their three game spread winning streak stopped by the Philadelphia Eagles on November 11. The Dolphs were lucky to bring their outright record to 11-0 as they eeked out a 24-23 decision. They were favored by 15, so the ATS string snapped. The next week, the team traveled cross crountry to San Diego and the Chargers were the play. Fouts and Company responded by knocking off Miami as a seven and a half point dog. The game went to overtime, but the Chargers won 34-28 recording another win for the theory.

A third win was at the expense of the Washington Redskins. After two opening losses, the Redskins were back in high gear and had won and covered five in a row before being surprised by the St. Louis Cardinals on October 21. The Skins lost outright by the score of 26-24 as a three point favorite and the next week were at Giant Stadium favored by seven. The system indicated the Giants and sure enough, the Redskins got beat again. The Giants 37-14 win more than covered the spread and the system had another win.

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1984	**5-3**	
1983	**3-2**	
1982	**5-1**	
1981	**6-5**	
1980	**5-4**	
1979	**7-3**	
1978	**3-2**	
1977	**0-3**	
1976	**5-1**	
1975	**6-1**	
TOTALS	**45-25**	**.643%**

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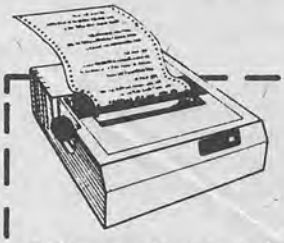
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Three In-A-Row



& Away We Go

By MARK HARRIS
(All-American Sports)

A handicapper can spend as much time thanking his sources and his inspirations as any actor can thanking those responsible for his Academy Award. If it is your livelihood, you will listen to anyone and consider any possibility. The old pro who has seen it all can be the source of a new theory or the rising young hotshot who thinks he knows it all can actually know something.

Outside sources who care nothing for the gambler's approach to sports can help and not even be aware of it. The National Football League Schedule maker falls into this category. All he is concerned with is convenience, expenses and parity. He usually does not care if I hit my Game-of-the-Year or not, but a handicapper can use the schedule maker to find strong plays.

The last six years has seen a very reliable system take shape and it seems that the schedule may have a lot to do with the strength of the play. It is a system that has two edges, and one point is sharper than the other. Over the course of the six-year cycle, the first part of the technique is 22-9, which is a 71% success rate and a strong play by any standard. The second part of the play is 8-2 which is 80%.

The concept is simple and easy to follow. You can almost find possible plays as soon as the official schedule is released. In April, the handicapper can be looking at a game in October and have a game circled on the calendar for possible consideration.

The idea is to find any team that is playing at least three division opponents in a row, either home or away. The game that concerns the player will be the fourth game. It seems that three games in-a-row vs teams that have to be beaten for the division races can cause a letdown that shows up in the next game. Over the six year period, if we bet against the home favorite that has played three straight division games, the record would have been 22-9. It makes no difference if the fourth game is a division game, a conference game or a non-conference game. Bet against the home favorite.

Last year the record was 4-2, and three of those teams, coincidentally failed to cover against the Philadelphia Eagles from September 17 through September 30, the Buffalo Bills played division opponents. The next game was at home as a one-point favorite vs the Eagles. The Eagles won 27-17 and made a winner out of some sharp pros.

During the three game period from October 14 to October 28, the Detroit Lions played division opponents. On November 4, the Lions hosted Philadelphia and were favored by three points. The game ended at 23-23 and even the tie made some of us a winner.

The Miami Dolphins played three success division opponents from October 21 to November 4. On the 11th of November, they were a 15-point favorite at home vs the Eagles and barely escaped with a 24-23 decision, making us a winner.

The second part of the system is just as simple and easy to follow. The bettor merely considers the same team that has played three consecutive division rivals. In part one, the bet is against the team as a home favorite. In step two, the bet is on the team as a home dog in the fourth game. The opponent can be any team, even a division team. This part of the system is 8-2 during the same six year period, including last season's 1-0 record. The win, once again, was courtesy of the Philadelphia Eagles.

From the November 18 game vs Washington thru December 2, the Eagles played three in-a-row vs the NFC East and as a home dog vs the New England Patriots on December 9, Philly was a play. The extra three points were not needed as the Pats succumbed by a 27-17 count, proving another winner for the sharp bettor.

Six years is a good test period and a system that works that long is worthy of consideration in the upcoming 1985 season and I am looking forward to the magic continuing, compliments of the NFL schedule maker.

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The Super System

By JIM FEIST

So, you still think Miami is invincible. You still think that a quarterback of Dan Marino's supernatural ability can rally an inferior team to greatness game after game. The Super Bowl usually pits the two best teams against one another. The game was a strong matchup on paper. Marino against Montana. Duper and Clayton against Clark and Solomon. Shula against Walsh. The "Killer Bees" against Fred Dean and Ronnie Lott. Andra Franklin against Tyler and Craig. This match had it all.

Unfortunately for Miami, Tyler and Craig proved that two running backs are better than one and Dean and Lott and Co. proved that even Marino can not pass running for his life.

The game is over and the superior team won as San Francisco easily covered the three point spread in a 38-16 romp.

By studying the results of the past 16 Super Bowls, I have found some interesting and profitable tendencies. It seems that only winners get to the Super Bowl. Even though Minnesota has gone to the Super Bowl four times and not only lost outright, but failed to cover all four, I have made money on them.

It seems that even though Minnesota has been frustrated on all four opportunities, the team does not allow the losing to carry over to the next year. They are 3-1 vs the points in season openers the year after appearing in the Super Bowl. Miami has won two out of five times they have been there, but the best news is they come out strong the next year. They 3-1 vs the spread on opening day following their previous appearances.

Since the New York Jets astounding the sports world with their upset of the Balitmore Colts, the winner of the Super Bowl has covered the following season opener with a point-spread victory 1 out of 15 decisions.

The winner of the game holds no monopoly on spread victories as the loser has done almost as well. Of the 14 decisions taken into consideration, the loser of the Super Bowl covered nine of their season openers.

This is a combined record of 20-9, which works out to a 68.9 winning percentage. The only year not used was the 1970 season opener because it was a rematch of the previous Super Bowl.

The Theory then is a simple one: BET ON ANY TEAM THAT APPEARED IN THE SUPER BOWL TOP COVER THEIR FOLLOWING SEASON OPENER.

With these thoughts in mind I look forward to opening day because the teams I am considering at this moment are the Miami Dolphins and the San Francisco 49ers and my friend, there are no better teams in the NFL.

The Super System

	SUPER BOWL RESULTS				FOLLOWING YEAR			FOLLOWING YEAR	
YEAR	WINNER	LINE	LOSER	SCORE	OPENING GAME	WINNING TEAM		OPENING GAME	LOSING TEAM
1966	GREEN BAY	-14	KANSAS CITY	35-10	N/A			N/A	
1967	GREEN BAY	-14	RAIDERS	33-14	N/A			N/A	
1968	JETS	+18	BALTIMORE	16-7	JETS	-13	W	BALTIMORE	-6 L
1969	KANSAS CITY	+12	MINNESOTA	23-7	*KANSAS CITY	+3	L	MINNESOTA	-3 W
1970	BALTIMORE	+2½	DALLAS	16-13	BALTIMORE	-5½	W	DALLAS	-12 PUSH
1971	DALLAS	-6½	MIAMI	24-3	DALLAS	-14½	W	MIAMI	+3½ W
1972	MIAMI	+2	WASHINGTON	14-7	MIAMI	-7	W	WASHINGTON	-13 W
1973	MIAMI	-7	MINNESOTA	24-7	MIAMI	-14	L	MINNESOTA	-7 W
1974	PITTSBURGH	-3	MINNESOTA	16-6	PITTSBURGH	-12	W	MINNESOTA	-7 W
1975	PITTSBURGH	-6½	DALLAS	21-17	PITTSBURGH	-1½	L	DALLAS	-13½ W
1976	RAIDERS	-4½	MINNESOTA	32-14	RAIDERS	-12	W	MINNESOTA	-2 L
1977	DALLAS	-5½	DENVER	27-10	DALLAS	-11½	W	DENVER	+4½ W
1978	PITTSBURGH	-3½	DALLAS	35-21	PITTSBURGH	-2	W	DALLAS	-4½ L
1979	PITTSBURGH	-10	RAMS	31-19	PITTSBURGH	-6½	W	RAMS	-7 L
1980	RAIDERS	+3	PHILADELPHIA	27-10	RAIDERS	-2½	L	PHILADELPHIA	-6 W
1981	SAN FRANCISCO	+1	CINCINNATI	26-21	SAN FRANCISCO	-5½	L	CINCINNATI	-7 W
1982	WASHINGTON	+3	MIAMI	27-17	WASHINGTON	+3	W	MIAMI	-4½ W
1983	RAIDERS	+3	WASHINGTON	38-9	RAIDERS	-6	W	WASHINGTON	-4 L
1984	SAN FRANCISCO	-3	MIAMI	38-16					
					TOTAL	11-4		TOTAL	9-5

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By ROGER L. TREVANIAN

Lovers of drama, comedy, art, music, sports and news have been able to turn on the television and indulge themselves for over three decades, now, but it wasn't until recently that some innovative programming addressed the needs of the countless millions who wager on sporting events. The show, which began on Manhattan cable six years ago with a sparse 300,000 subscribers, and last year reached 13 million homes, is called The A-Play Show. It is the brainchild of Chipper Chirimbes, an accomplished prognosticator of sporting events--notably football and basketball--who first saw the need for such programming. Enlisting the aid of Ed "The Professor" Horowitz, one of the most revered and respected figures in the field, Chirimbes and company have turned the regular half-hour show (Fridays at 11:30 PM and Saturdays at 11:30 AM, on the SPN Network) into required viewing for the sports gambler.

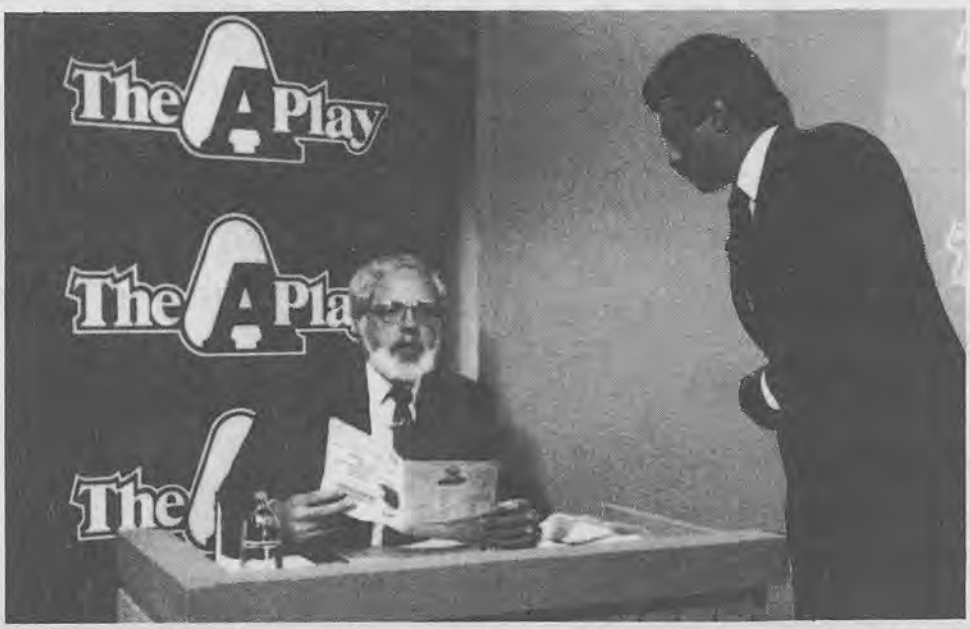
What makes the show unique is its format. There are no instant replays of remarkable catches or gyrating cheerleaders. There are no self-serving interviews with players or coaches. You'll see no plays diagrammed, no meaningless statistics quoted. What the show does provide is expert analysis and opinion by the program's hosts, Chirimbes and Horowitz. Additionally, Jim Feist, another stalwart in the industry, files on-the-spot reports from Las Vegas, the nation's wagering capital. The A-Play Handicapping Show also features guest appearances by well-known handicappers like Gary Austin and Mike Warren, as well as spokespeople from companies like Cash, All-American Sports and The Captain.

Each week, four or five college games are studied, along with all 14 NFL contests. The handicapping professionals review and interpret the pointspread line (with Feist quoting the latest changes and developments), implement the applicable theories, trends, methods and techniques (a Horowitz specialty), and evaluate the teams on a wagering basis. Selections are then made as to which team to bet and why.

Besides the expertise delivered, the show's timeliness also proves beneficial to the sports gambler. Because it directly precedes regular TV (either CBS or ABC) coverage of the week's major college games, the show's late-breaking format becomes an invaluable tool for the bettor. Last-minute injuries are diligently noted; line changes are explored; weather conditions are updated and their affect on the game are added into the equation which, more often than not, results in a winning prediction.

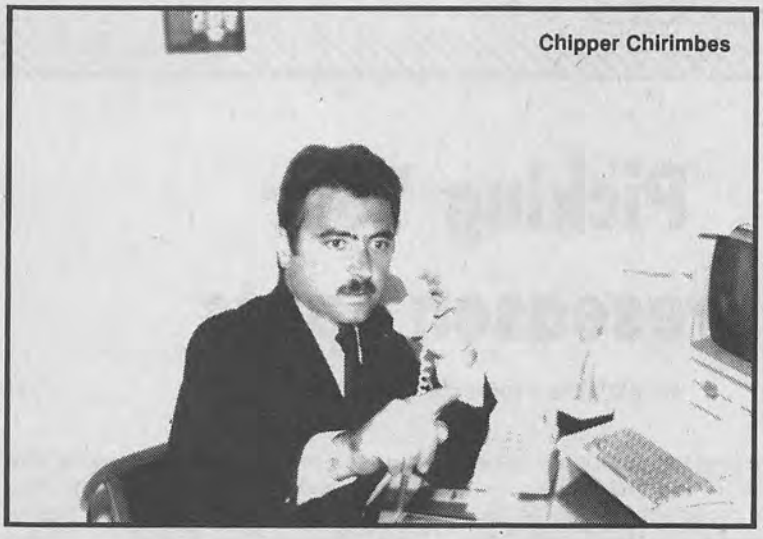
The show's premise is a sound one: provide the sports wagerer with enough pertinent and meaningful information to give him an edge over those who do not watch the program. In this regard, The A-Play Handicapping Show is a major success. It does not pander or pursue, but teaches and trains the armchair quarterback how to call his own plays.

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Picking Your Preseason Spots

By ED "The Professor" HOROWITZ

The average sports bettor has a closed mind concept towards Preseason Football. He feels it cannot be beaten and avoids it like the plague. The true professional gambler digs alot harder, becomes very selective in choosing his spots and his patience and dilligence often turns seeming disadvantage into an edge.

Let's examine two key critical areas in handicapping Pre-season Football, (1) the coach and (2) the player. The coach is the most important individual in considering an exhibition wager. A Super Star is no value to a team if the coach opts to keep him on the bench. Tom Landry would be a prime example. A keen eye for unearthing raw talent, Landry is an advocate of looking at new prospects under game conditions. The end result is that a line made on the Cowboys during early exhibition would tend to be an overlay, i.e., an overpiece. You're putting up your money on the Cowboys at what appears to be a bargain, however, the real Cowboys are safely tucked away on the bench, while hopefuls are filling the Cowboys' uniforms.

A case in point was last year's opening Atlanta at Minnesota game. The Falcons were visiting the Metrodome and at plus one seemed like a sure bet to bump off the Vikings. Surely new coach Les Steckel could not get this collection of oldtimers in fighting form in such a short time. The Falcons had leading passer Steve Bartkowski, all purpose running back William Andrews and the speedy Billy "White Shoes" Johnson to run back all the punts the puny Vikes were going to be making.

The year before, the Falcons had bumped off the Washington Redskins in the preseason opener. What better place for a bettor to be.

As often happens in cases like this, Bartkowski, Andrews and Johnson had a good view of the game from the sidelines as the Vikes rolled over the unarmed Falcons. The 37-6 score was a perfect indication of how Minnesota manhandled Atlanta as Les Steckel enjoyed what was to be his first and last NFL head coaching thrill.

There are a few exceptions to this rule and by checking the chart you can see for yourself that teams like Miami and Pittsburgh take the Preseason more seriously than teams like Dallas and San Francisco. These are some of the better teams in the NFL and who is to say which approach is more rewarding. As long as we know who is serious and who is not, the Pre-season can be rewarding to us and that is really all that matters.

Don't let the Pre-season scare you—be selective—be informed—be a winner.

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TEAM BY TEAM

TEAM	OUTRIGHT	HF	HU	AF	AU	TOTAL
ATLANTA	13-22	4-7	2-1	2-2	5-1	13-21
BUFFALO	10-24	4-10	0-3	0-0	9-8	13-21
CHICAGO	15-20	4-9	1-1	3-0	7-9	15-18
CINCINNATI	16-18	7-7	0-0	3-5	5-7	15-19
CLEVELAND	18-18	5-6	0-0	2-1	11-8	18-15
DALLAS	23-12	10-11	0-1	0-5	5-0	14-18
DENVER	24-10	11-5	1-1	6-3	5-2	23-11
DETROIT	16-18	8-5	0-3	1-2	6-8	15-18
GREEN BAY	14-20-1	5-5	5-4	0-1	4-9	14-19
HOUSTON	11-23	5-11	1-3	0-1	3-8	9-23
INDIANA	14-21	6-3	2-1	2-8	6-7	16-19
KANSAS CITY	17-16-1	7-7	4-0	0-1	3-8	17-15
RAIDERS	17-18	9-8	1-0	2-4	4-6	16-18
RAMS	17-17	9-13	2-0	1-2	3-4	15-19
MIAMI	26-8-1	9-5	0-0	8-4	6-2	23-11
MINNESOTA	17-18	6-7	2-2	2-1	6-8	16-18
NEW ENGLAND	20-14	9-4	0-1	2-3	7-8	18-16
NEW ORLEANS	18-17	7-6	4-1	1-0	9-5	21-12
GIANTS	14-20	6-6	4-6	0-2	5-5	15-19
JETS	16-19	1-2	2-5	3-3	11-6	17-16
PHILADELPHIA	17-16	6-2	2-0	2-4	10-8	20-14
PITTSBURGH	24-11	7-4	0-0	9-5	7-3	23-12
ST. LOUIS	16-18	6-5	0-1	1-3	11-7	18-16
SAN DIEGO	17-17-1	11-8	0-0	3-5	2-6	16-19
SAN FRANCISCO	13-21	4-8	2-3	1-1	4-11	11-23
SEATTLE	20-15	9-7	3-3	2-0	6-5	20-15
TAMPA	21-14	11-3	8-2	1-1	4-4	24-10
WASHINGTON	18-16	5-7	0-0	2-0	9-10	16-17

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bookmaker.

How about those haunting words "You didn't bet on San Francisco. You bet on Cincinnati. You owe me. I don't owe you."

And where hardly walks a bettor who hasn't heard those words, especially if he has just rattled the bookmaker for a lot of money. And bettors have little or no recourse. The bookmaker can tell the entire community that the bettor is senile—that he's done this before—and that is the end of that.

One could go on and on about the negative side of bookmakers, but suffice it to say that the man on the corner is not a friend. He is the enemy. The biggest ENEMY as we bet a lot of money. While he gives us the impression that he is "our man" and "our friend" he is working overtime to beat us at every corner and to not pay us.

There are a lot of protections a bettor can have against unscrupulous bookmakers and we'll review a few of them here.

First of all, no one should just walk up and bet with any bookmaker. You should get references before you wager one thin dime. Ask a lot of questions. Things such as:

1. If I lose, when do I pay?
2. If I win, when do I get paid?
3. Are there any limits to how big a payoff I can get? (a friend of mine once found out the hard way there was no limit to how much action a bookmaker would take. There was only a limit on how much he would pay out on each bet. And this happened with a legal, legitimate bookmaker in Las Vegas.)
4. Are there limits on how much I can bet?
5. What about parlays?
6. How long has he been in business?
7. Are there any special rules or conditions as far as bets being on or off?
8. What does he charge — 11-10 or 6-5?
9. Can you play on credit or does he demand the money up front?
10. Do I bet in person or by telephone?

There are many things you can do to neutralize your bookmaker and get an even break and a fair shake when you bet. But, above all, never lose sight of the fact that the most important thing in betting is getting paid when you win. If that doesn't happen, all the planning and window dressing in the world doesn't mean a thing.

After you have obtained a good bookmaker—and by good we mean one who pays—try never to get into the trap of considering him your friend. It is nice to be friendly with him in just the manner that we're friendly with the postman, or the guy who services our car. But that's all.

Before calling your bookmaker each day, stop and think a minute and get yourself in the proper frame of mind. Think business, not friendship. Be all business on the telephone—pleasant but authoritative and firm. Don't ever give the impression you don't know what you're doing. Take command of the conversation.

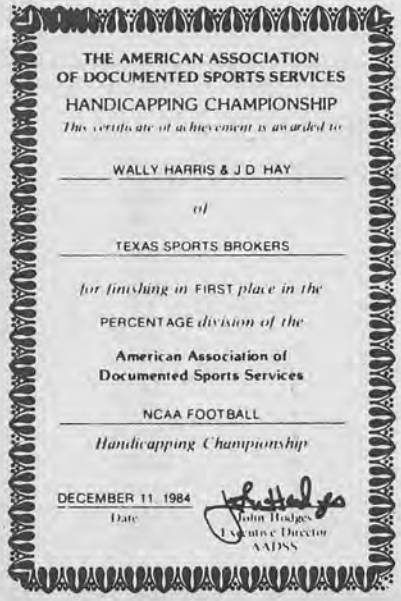
Above all, don't play your hand in advance. If you like four particular games, ask the man his line on 12 or 15 games. Ask for them in the same manner that he is carrying them on his sheet—favorites first. That way you never give any indication of your intentions. You eliminate any chance the man has to play with the line.

After he has read you all the games, and you have made your bets, make them repeat them back to you, including how much you wagered on each. This will make him think twice about being forgetful.

If you win, get paid as soon as possible. Most bookmakers have two days of settlement. If you lose you pay on Monday. If you win, you get paid on Tuesday. See how businesslike bookmakers are. They take the losing money on Monday and use it to pay the winners on Tuesday.

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Fame Is the Name of the Game

By MARK HARRIS (All American Sports)

On July 28, 1984 at Canton, Ohio, the Seattle Seahawks under the expert guidance of Chuck Knox hung like an Albatross around the neck of John McKay's Tampa Bay Buccaneers and dragged them down to total defeat by the score of 38-0.

This was just another clue that those who think preseason football has no meaning have no minds. Obviously at 38-0, there is an indicator that someone cares. Obviously, it was Chuck Knox who cared. Using this obvious deduction as a starting point, past Hall-of-Fame games were checked for any more obvious points of interest. Obviously, I found something or I would not be writing this article.

Tampa Bay has a history of taking preseason games seriously, so the nature of the defeat could awaken the power of sight in a blind man. A check of all Hall-of-Fame games since 1973 unearthed some interesting betting angles, involving both the winning and losing teams.

It all started in 1973 when the San Francisco 49ers defeated the New England Patriots by the score of 20-7. The start was slow but the results must be noted. During the 1973 regular season, San Francisco recorded a 1-1 ATS record as home underdog. In 1974, St. Louis defeated Buffalo by the score of 21-13 and a trend began to develop. During the course of the 1974 season, the Cards were 2-1 ATS as a home dog. During the course of the 1984 season, the Seattle Seahawks were a home underdog one time and that was in the second week of the season against the San Diego Chargers. Seattle was a two point dog and had a simple time of it as the defense overwhelmed Fouts and Company for a 31-17 upset.

This brought the 12 year record for teams that win the Hall-of-Fame game outright to 16-6 or 72.9%, as a home underdog in the season that follows. This accounts for only a handful of plays, but they do seem to be successful.

Teams that lose the game outright, seem to have developed some noteworthy trends, also. It also started slowly. Again, because after the 1973 game won by San Francisco, New England covered the only time during the next season that they were an away favorite. Since that year, no team has had a winning ATS record as road favorite if it lost the Hall-of-Fame game outright. The past 12 years has seen the losing team go a combined 12-23 vs the points in the season that follows.

By betting against the losing team as an away favorite the bettor would have been on the favorable end of 65% all of the time. Mere coincidence? Maybe, but I doubt it.

There were no plays last year as Tampa was a dog in all road games, but 1985 is a new year and it is fast approaching.

The 1985 game features the New York Giants against the Houston Oilers and both teams are on the upswing and I am looking forward to see who wins this game. There will probably be a few plays in the 1985 season, regardless of the result.

WORKOUT FOR FAME THEORY

YEAR	WINNING TEAM	HU	LOSING TEAM	AF
1984	SEATTLE	1-0	TAMPA BAY	0-0
1983	PITTSBURGH	0-0	NEW ORLEANS	0-1
1982	MINNESOTA	1-1	BALTIMORE	0-0
1981	CLEVELAND	2-1	ATLANTA	2-5
1980	TIE			
1979	OAKLAND	2-0	DALLAS	2-5
1978	PHILADELPHIA	3-1	MIAMI	2-3
1977	CHICAGO	1-0	JETS	0-0
1976	DENVER	0-1	DETROIT	1-4
1975	WASHINGTON	3-0	CINCINNATI	2-3
1974	ST. LOUIS	2-1	BUFFALO	2-2
1973	SAN FRANCISCO	1-1	NEW ENGLAND	1-0
TOTAL		16-6 (72.9%)		12-23 (34.3%)

HALL OF FAME PASSING LEADERS

TOTAL PASSES ATTEMPTED

1.	Fran Tarkenton	(10)	6467
2.	Johnny Unitas	(12T)	5186
3.	Jim Hart*	(52)	5076
4.	John Hadl	(48T)	4687
5.	Roman Gabriel	(23)	4498
6.	John Brodie	(31)	4491
7.	Ken Anderson*	(7)	4420
8.	Y.A. Tittle	(24)	4395
9.	Dan Fouts*	(8)	4380
10.	Norm Snead	(54T)	4353
11.	Sonny Jurgensen	(5T)	4262
12.	Joe Ferguson*	(45)	4166
13.	George Blanda	(62)	4007
14.	Terry Bradshaw	(38T)	3901
15.	Ken Stabler*	(17)	3793
16.	Craig Morton	(27)	3786
17.	Joe Namath	(54T)	3762
18.	Len Dawson	(5T)	3741
19.	Bobby Layne	(58)	3700
20.	Archie Manning*	(51)	3642

TOTAL PASSES COMPLETED

1.	Fran Tarkenton	(10)	3686
2.	Johnny Unitas	(12T)	2830
3.	Ken Anderson*	(7)	2627
4.	Jim Hart*	(52)	2593
5.	Dan Fouts*	(8)	2585
6.	John Brodie	(31)	2469
7.	Sonny Jurgensen	(5T)	2433
8.	Y.A. Tittle	(24)	2427
9.	Roman Gabriel	(23)	2366
10.	John Hadl	(48T)	2363
11.	Norm Snead	(54T)	2276
12.	Ken Stabler*	(17)	2270
13.	Joe Ferguson*	(45)	2188
14.	Len Dawson	(5T)	2136
15.	Craig Morton	(27)	2053
16.	Terry Bradshaw	(38T)	2025
17.	Archie Manning*	(51)	2011
18.	Brian Sipe	(20)	1944
19.	Bob Griese	(15)	1926
20.	George Blanda	(62)	1911

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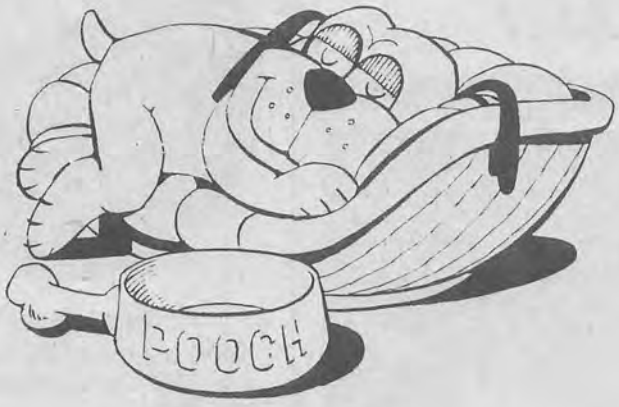
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Early Season Underdogs



By BRUCE MCCLARREN

A couple of seasons ago, an article appeared in a national publication that seemed to electrify most of the American sporting public. It revealed that underdogs are great plays early in the NFL season.

No less an authority than a bookmaker, while wiping a tear from his eye, said, "Thank goodness that I can clean up early in the year when these dogs are covering because the rest of the year I get murdered by the bettors." If we had been on hand for this touching scene, no doubt we would have observed a bulging wallet in the rear pant's pocket as our friendly neighborhood bookie walked slowly into the sunset.

Well, like most things in handicapping, there was some truth to the article but there were a whole bunch of unanswered questions. It's high time this myth has either been documented as truthful or is it so much oversimplification of a complex problem—pro-football handicapping.

To make the test, we checked the pointspread results of the first two weeks of the regular pro season over the past five years. To me, that seemed to be a reasonable test period. Before we offer the final results, I'll give you a quick overview by saying underdogs should be backed early in the year—**at certain times**—and not backed—**at certain times**.

Each season seemed different. Back in 1980, if you had wagered on every underdog during the season's opening weekend, you'd have registered a wonderful pointspread mark of 10-4. Not bad. Not bad at all.

Proving that a one-year study is hardly a trend, if you had taken every dog in the opening weekend of the next season, the 1981 campaign, your spread won/loss mark would have been a losing 6-8.

In 1983, the scheme made enormous sense as opening-week underdogs covered in 11 of the 14 games played. Last year, however, another losing mark occurred, 6-8 vs. the number.

What it boils down to, of course, is the old right-place, right-time syndrome.

I will readily admit that if you had taken every underdog in every game during the first two weeks of the last five season, you would have shown a profit. Not much of a profit, but winnings, nevertheless. The five-year study showed that, during these periods, the underdog beat the spread 78 times, lost to the number 57 other times and two pushed resulted. For a moment, let's assume you wagered one unit on each of these games at a Vegas sportsbook, where the vigorish is $5.50-$5.00. Your 78 wins would have netted $390. The losses, all 57 of them, would have cost you $313.50. Your net mark, of course, would have been the difference: $76.50. Okay, I guess, but remember that to win slightly more than 76 bucks, you would have risked $742.50. In other words, and to really get down to least common denominators, the way interest rates have been the past five years, your money would have done much better in a CD or a money market fund.

THE UNDERDOG STUDY
POINTSPREAD RESULTS BETTING ON EVERY UNDERDOG DURING 1st TWO GAMES

YEAR	FIRST WEEK	2ND WEEK	TOTAL
1984	6-8	8-6	14-14
1983	11-3	7-5-1	18-8-1
1982	7-6	10-3	17-9
1981	6-8	6-8	12-16
1980	10-4	7-6-1	17-10-1
	40-29	38-28-2	78-57-2

So the next time someone ambles up to you and says that underdogs are really super speculations during the season's first two weeks, you can knowingly smile and say, "Sometimes, my friend. Sometimes."

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Pointspread Results

KANSAS CITY

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	New Orleans	(−2)	L	20-34
A. 11	at St. Louis	(+2½)	L	10-14
A. 18	Cleveland	(−2½)	W	31-13
A. 24	at New England	(+4)	L	7-38

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	at Cincinnati	(+3)	W	24-7
A. 13	Detroit	(−2½)	L	13-17
A. 20	St. Louis	(−2)	L	17-16
A. 27	at Chicago	(+3)	P	17-20

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 13	Cincinnati	(−1½)	W	26-20
A. 21	at New Orleans	(+1½)	L	3-6
A. 28	Miami	(−1)	L	17-17
S. 4	at St. Louis	(+1½)	W	10-6

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 7	at Washington	(+3)	L	10-16
A. 15	Chicago	(−2)	W	13-0
A. 22	St. Louis	(−2½)	L	3-16
A. 28	at Miami	(+5½)	L	7-31

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-3-1	2-6
Combined Spread Record	3-5	2-5-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-5	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-5-1

N.Y. JETS

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	Cincinnati	(−1)	L	15-21
A. 11	at Houston	(+2½)	L	17-36
A. 18	at Giants (Mdld)	(+4)	L	14-20
A. 24	at L.A. Raiders	(+8)	W	20-14

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 7	at N.Y. Giants	(+1)	L	16-23
A. 13	L.A. Raiders	(−1)	W	20-17
A. 18	at Cincinnati	(+3½)	W	20-17
A. 27	at New Orleans	(−1)	L	10-17

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	at Green Bay	(+2)	P	19-21
A. 22	at Houston	(+1)	W	33-16
A. 28	at N.Y. Giants	(−2)	L	10-22
S. 4	Denver(Mdw)	(−3)	L	13-20

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 7	at Denver	(+3½)	W	33-7
A. 15	at Atlanta	(+4½)	W	20-21
A. 22	at N.Y. Giants	(−1½)	W	37-24
A. 29	Philadelphia	(+2½)	W	14-3

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-2	5-7
Combined Spread Record	2-2	6-5-1
Favorite Spread Record	1-2	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	5-3-1

BUFFALO

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Seattle	(+3½)	L	3-7
A. 11	New England	(−2)	W	23-13
A. 18	Detroit	(−2½)	L	12-17
A. 26	Chicago (Ind.)	(+3)	L	7-38

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	at Chicago	(+1½)	L	17-27
A. 13	Cleveland	(−2½)	L	10-27
A. 20	at Detroit	(+3½)	W	17-16
A. 27	Washington	(−1½)	L	19-27

YEAR 1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	at Dallas	(+5½)	W	14-10
A. 21	Chicago	(−4)	L	14-21
A. 27	at Washington	(+2)	W	20-14
S. 4	Detroit	(−2½)	W	13-10

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	Detroit	(−3)	L	14-21
A. 15	Cleveland	(−1½)	L	10-13
A. 22	at Cleveland	(+2½)	W	31-20
A. 28	at San Diego	(+4)	W	30-24

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	5-3
Combined Spread Record	2-6	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-6	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	5-3

DENVER

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	Washington	(+2)	L	13-16
A. 11	San Francisco	(PK)	W	21-20
A. 18	Indianapolis	(−5)	W	31-0
A. 24	at Atlanta	(+3)	W	24-13

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 5	Seattle	(−3½)	L	10-7
a. 13	Atlanta	(−2½)	W	21-10
A. 20	Cleveland	(−2½)	W	19-10
A. 26	at Minnesota	(+3½)	L	3-34

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	at L.A. Rams	(+3)	W	33-20
A. 21	Miami	(−2½)	W	17-14
A. 28	Minnesota	(−3½)	W	27-17
S. 4	at N.Y. Jets	(−3)	W	20-13

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 7	N.Y. Jets	(−3½)	L	7-33
A. 15	at Miami	(+4½)	L	14-24
A. 22	Green Bay	(−3)	W	17-7
A. 29	at Cincinnati	(+4)	W	24-20

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	8-2	4-2
Combined Spread Record	7-3	4-2
Favorite Spread Record	7-2	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	3-2

L.A. RAIDERS

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at San Francisco	(PK)	L	10-13
A. 10	at Washington	(+4)	W	21-20
A. 19	Miami	(−2)	L	23-29
A. 24	N.Y. Jets	(−8)	L	14-20

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	San Francisco	(−2½)	W	26-23
A. 13	at N.Y. Jets	(+1)	L	17-20
A. 20	Chicago	(−3½)	L	21-27
A. 26	at Cleveland	(+3)	P	17-20

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	at San Francisco	(+3½)	W	17-14
A. 21	at Detroit	(+2)	L	16-30
A. 28	Green Bay	(−3½)	W	24-3
S. 4	Cleveland	(−3)	L	10-27

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	Atlanta	(−2½)	L	17-18
A. 15	at Green Bay	(−2½)	L	14-34
A. 22	at New England	(+5)	W	21-23
A. 29	San Francisco	(−4½)	W	21-7

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	2-6
Combined Spread Record	3-5	3-4-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-5	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	3-3-1

PITTSBURGH

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Cleveland	(PK)	W	31-14
A. 11	Philadelphia	(−3½)	L	20-17
A. 16	at Dallas	(+4½)	W	20-10
A. 25	at N.Y. Giants	(−2)	L	9-16

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
J. 30	New Orleans (O.)	(−2½)	W	27-14
A. 6	New England (Tn.)	(−2½)	W	27-16
A. 12	N.Y. Giants	(−3½)	L	13-22
A. 20	at Dallas	(+3)	W	24-7
A. 25	at Philadelphia	(PK)	W	10-3

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	New England (Tn.)	(−1)	W	24-20
A. 21	at N.Y. Giants	(+1)	W	13-10
A. 28	Baltimore	(−5)	W	37-15
S. 4	Philadelphia	(−2½)	W	27-24

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	at Cleveland	(+3)	W	35-31
A. 15	at Philadelphia	(+3)	L	20-35
A. 22	at Dallas	(+3½)	L	14-24
A. 29	N.Y. Giants	(−6)	W	31-6

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-1	9-3
Combined Spread Record	3-2	9-3
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	4-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	5-2

CINCINNATI

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at N.Y. Jets	(+1)	W	21-15
A. 11	at Tampa Bay	(PK)	L	13-21
A. 18	at Chicago	(+2)	W	25-17
A. 24	Detroit	(−3½)	W	35-14

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	Kansas City	(−3)	L	7-24
A. 12	at Washington	(+3½)	L	23-27
A. 18	N.Y. Jets	(−3½)	L	17-20
A. 27	at Detroit	(+1½)	L	7-34

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 13	at Kansas City	(+1½)	L	20-26
A. 20	at Green Bay	(PK)	L	27-41
A. 28	Detroit	(−3½)	L	23-27
S. 3	Washington	(−5)	W	28-21

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	at Tampa Bay	(+2)	W	24-17
A. 15	at Detroit	(+2½)	W	30-20
A. 22	at Chicago	(+2½)	L	21-24
A. 29	Denver	(−4)	L	20-24

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-4	4-6
Combined Spread Record	2-4	4-6
Favorite Spread Record	2-4	0-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	4-4

HOUSTON

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Tampa Bay	(+1)	L	17-30
A. 11	N.Y. Jets	(−2½)	W	36-17
A. 18	New Orleans	(+1)	L	19-31
A. 25	at Dallas	(+6)	L	24-31

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	Baltimore	(−3)	L	0-15
A. 13	Tampa Bay	(PK)	L	17-23
A. 20	at New Orleans	(+3½)	L	13-20
A. 27	at Dallas	(+8)	W	31-34

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 12	New Orleans	(−3)	L	22-20
A. 22	N.Y. Jets	(−1)	L	16-33
A. 28	Tampa Bay	(PK)	W	21-6
S. 4	at Dallas	(+8)	P	14-20

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	Philadelphia	(−1½)	W	13-10
A. 15	at New Orleans	(−2½)	L	7-27
A. 22	at Tampa Bay	(+1½)	L	17-27
A. 29	at Dallas	(+6½)	L	20-28

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	0-8
Combined Spread Record	3-5	1-6-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	1-5-1

MIAMI

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	Indianapolis	(−5)	W	24-3
A. 11	at Minnesota	(PK)	W	29-7
A. 19	at L.A. Raiders	(+2)	W	29-23
A. 24	at Tampa Bay	(−6½)	L	13-14

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	at Dallas	(+3)	P	17-20
A. 13	New Orleans	(−6)	L	17-19
A. 19	at Washington	(+1)	W	38-7
A. 26	at N.Y. Giants	(PK)	W	24-3

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	Washington	(−6)	W	24-7
A. 21	at Denver	(+2½)	L	14-17
A. 28	at Kansas City	(+1)	W	17-17
S. 3	N.Y. Giants	(−6)	L	16-13

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	at Minnesota	(−1)	W	20-6
A. 15	Denver	(−4½)	W	24-14
A. 22	at Detroit	(+3)	W	31-27
A. 28	Kansas City	(−5½)	W	31-7

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-1	6-3-1
Combined Spread Record	4-2	7-2-1
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	3-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	4-1-1

SAN DIEGO

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	L.A. Rams	(−3)	W	17-10
A. 11	Dallas	(−2)	L	13-24
A. 18	San Francisco	(−2½)	W	35-15
A. 23	at L.A. Rams	(+3½)	L	14-47

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 5	at L.A. Rams	(−1)	L	20-34
A. 13	Philadelphia	(−3½)	L	20-21
A. 20	San Francisco	(−1½)	W	24-7
A. 26	L.A. Rams	(−5)	W	27-17

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 16	Chicago	(−5½)	L	28-27
A. 21	Dallas	(−2½)	L	16-26
A. 28	San Francisco	(−3)	W	23-9
S. 4	at L.A. Rams	(+1½)	L	14-20

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	St. Louis	(−6½)	L	10-12
A. 15	at San Francisco	(−2½)	W	31-28
A. 21	L.A. Rams	(−3)	W	33-29
A. 26	Buffalo	(−4)	L	24-30

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-5	1-3
Combined Spread Record	6-6	1-3
Favorite Spread Record	6-6	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-2

CLEVELAND

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	Pittsburgh	(PK)	L	14-31
A. 13	at L.A. Rams	(+2½)	W	21-10
A. 18	at Kansas City	(+2½)	L	13-31
A. 23	at Philadelphia	(+3)	W	18-20

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	at Green Bay	(+2½)	W	21-20
A. 13	at Buffalo	(+2½)	W	27-10
A. 20	at Denver	(+2½)	L	10-19
A. 26	L.A. Raiders	(−3)	P	20-17

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	at Detroit	(+3)	W	17-16
A. 19	L.A. Rams	(−2½)	W	26-23
A. 28	at New Orleans	(−3)	P	20-17
S. 4	at L.A. Raiders	(+3)	W	27-10

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 1	Atlanta (O.)	(−1)	W	24-10
A. 8	Pittsburgh	(−3)	L	31-35
A. 15	at Buffalo	(+1½)	W	13-10
A. 22	Buffalo	(−2½)	L	20-31
A. 29	at Green Bay	(−2½)	L	18-35

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-3	8-4
Combined Spread Record	1-3-1	8-3-1
Favorite Spread Record	1-3-1	1-1-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	7-2

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Miami	(+5)	L	3-24
A. 11	N.Y. Giants	(−1)	W	26-20
A. 18	at Denver	(+5)	L	0-31
A. 25	at Green Bay	(+8½)	L	17-34

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Houston	(+3)	W	15-0
A. 13	at Minnesota	(+3)	W	10-7
A. 20	at N.Y. Giants	(+3½)	L	14-27
A. 26	Atlanta	(+4)	W	7-10

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 7	Minnesota (O.)	(PK)	L	14-30
A. 14	N.Y. Giants	(+3)	W	19-14
A. 21	Atlanta (Az.)	(+4)	W	34-3
A. 28	at Pittsburgh	(+5)	L	15-37
S. 4	at Chicago	(+4½)	W	26-17

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	at New Orleans	(−3)	L	23-24
A. 15	at N.Y. Giants	(PK)	L	17-20
A. 22	Washington	(−2½)	L	7-13
A. 28	at Seattle	(PK)	L	17-31

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-2	4-9
Combined Spread Record	3-1	4-9
Favorite Spread Record	1-1	0-4
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	4-5

NEW ENGLAND

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	N.Y. Giants	(−2½)	L	20-48
A. 11	at Buffalo	(+2)	L	13-23
A. 17	at Washington	(+5½)	L	31-27
A. 24	Kansas City	(−4)	W	38-7

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	Pittsburgh (Tn)	(+2½)	L	16-27
A. 14	at San Francisco	(+3½)	W	15-17
A. 20	at L.A. Rams	(+2½)	L	7-13
A. 26	at Tampa Bay	(+4)	L	21-41

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	Pittsburgh (T.)	(+1)	L	20-24
A. 20	at Philadelphia	(+3½)	L	7-14
A. 28	at Dallas	(+5½)	L	21-36
S. 4	Green Bay	(−2)	W	41-27

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 10	at L.A. Rams	(+2)	W	34-21
A. 15	at Tampa Bay	(−2½)	L	17-16
A. 22	L.A. Raiders	(−5)	L	23-21
A. 30	Washington	(−6)	W	19-10

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-1	3-8
Combined Spread Record	3-2	3-8
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	3-7

SEATTLE

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
J. 28	Tampa Bay (O.)	(−2½)	W	38-0
A. 4	Buffalo	(−3½)	W	7-3
A. 11	at Detroit	(−1)	W	28-24
A. 17	St. Louis	(−3½)	W	17-7
A. 24	at San Francisco	(+3)	L	7-17

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 5	at Denver	(+3½)	W	7-10
A. 12	Green Bay	(−2)	W	38-21
A. 19	Minnesota	(−2½)	L	17-19
A. 27	at San Francisco	(+3½)	W	20-6

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 13	St. Louis	(−3)	W	14-0
A. 21	at Minnesota	(+3)	L	3-7
A. 29	at L.A. Rams	(+3½)	L	13-23
S. 3	San Francisco	(+1)	L	13-17

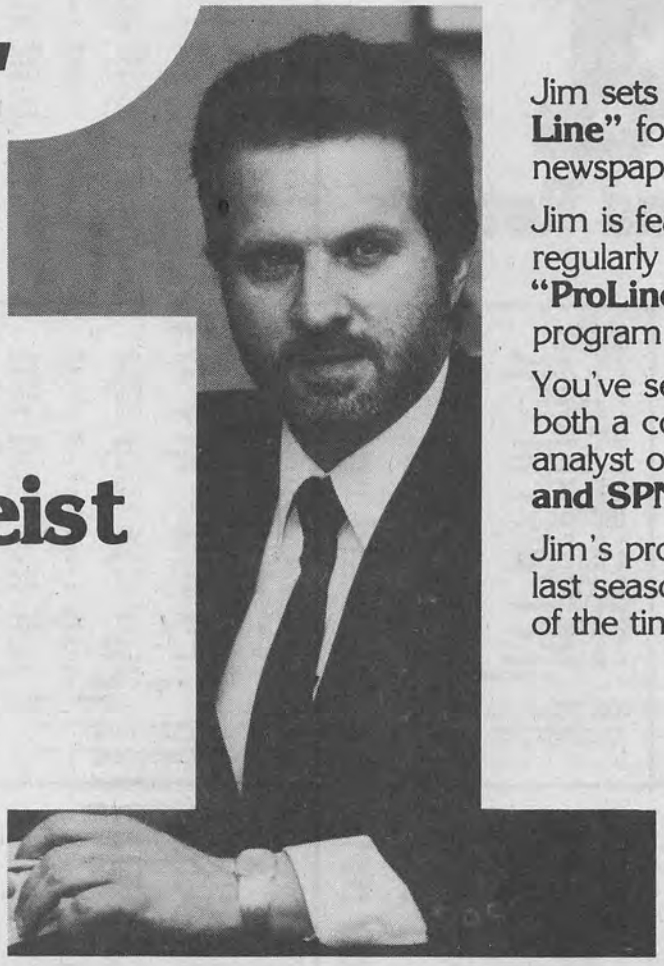
YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 5	San Francisco	(−2½)	L	24-27
A. 14	St. Louis	(−2½)	L	21-30
A. 22	at San Francisco	(+2½)	L	17-24
A. 28	Baltimore	(PK)	W	31-17

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-4	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	5-3	2-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	2-4

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ATLANTA

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Minnesota	(+1)	L	6-37
A. 11	at New Orleans	(+3½)	L	21-31
A. 18	Tampa Bay	(−4)	W	52-21
A. 24	Denver	(−3)	L	13-24

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 9	Washington	(−2½)	W	13-10
A. 13	at Denver	(+2½)	L	10-21
A. 20	at Tampa Bay	(+2½)	L	6-17
A. 28	Baltimore	(−4)	L	10-7

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	Minnesota	(−3)	P	20-17
A. 21	Balt. (Az.)	(−4)	L	3-34
A. 27	Philadelphia	(−2)	W	24-21
S. 3	at Tampa Bay	(+3)	L	0-34

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 1	Cleveland (O.)	(+1½)	L	10-24
A. 8	at Oakland	(+2½)	W	16-17
A. 15	N.Y. Jets	(−4½)	L	21-20
A. 22	at Minnesota	(−1)	L	19-20
A. 29	Tampa Bay	(−7)	W	27-7

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	0-9
Combined Spread Record	4-3-1	1-8
Favorite Spread Record	4-3-1	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-7

CHICAGO

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	St. Louis	(−1)	L	10-19
A. 11	Green Bay (Mil.)	(+2½)	L	10-17
A. 18	Cincinnati	(−2)	L	17-25
A. 26	Buffalo (Ind.)	(−3)	W	38-7

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	Buffalo	(−1½)	W	27-17
A. 13	at St. Louis	(+2)	L	24-27
A. 20	at L.A. Raiders	(+3½)	W	27-21
A. 27	Kansas City	(−3)	P	20-17

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 16	at San Diego	(+5½)	W	27-26
A. 21	at Buffalo	(+4)	W	21-14
A. 28	St. Louis	(−3)	L	3-10
S. 4	Baltimore	(−4½)	L	17-26

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	N.Y. Giants	(−6)	L	7-23
A. 15	at Kansas City	(+2)	L	0-13
A. 22	Cincinnati	(−2½)	W	24-21
A. 29	at St. Louis	(+3½)	W	31-27

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	4-4
Combined Spread Record	2-5-1	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-5-1	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	4-3

DALLAS

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	Green Bay	(−3½)	W	31-17
A. 11	at San Diego	(+2)	W	34-13
A. 18	Pittsburgh	(−4½)	L	10-20
A. 25	Houston	(−6)	W	31-24

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	Miami	(−3)	P	20-17
a. 15	at L.A. Rams	(+1)	W	30-7
A. 20	Pittsburgh	(−3)	L	7-24
A. 27	Houston	(−8)	L	34-31

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	Buffalo	(−5½)	L	10-14
A. 21	at San Diego	(+2½)	W	26-16
A. 28	New England	(−5½)	W	36-21
S. 4	Houston	(−8)	P	20-14

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	Green Bay	(−7)	L	17-21
A. 15	at L.A. Rams	(−1)	L	21-33
A. 22	Pittsburgh	(−3½)	W	34-14
A. 29	Houston	(−6½)	W	30-20

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	8-4	3-1
Combined Spread Record	5-5-2	3-1
Favorite Spread Record	5-5-2	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	3-0

DETROIT

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	Philadelphia	(−3)	W	17-14
A. 11	Seattle	(+1)	W	17-12
A. 18	at Buffalo	(+3½)	L	14-35
A. 24	at Cincinnati	(+3½)	L	14-35

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Philadelphia	(+3)	L	17-21
A. 13	at Kansas City	(+2½)	L	13-17
A. 20	Buffalo	(−3½)	L	16-17
A. 27	Cincinnati	(−1½)	W	34-7

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	Cleveland	(−3)	L	16-17
A. 21	L.A. Raiders	(−4)	W	30-16
A. 28	at Cincinnati	(+3½)	W	27-23
S. 4	at Buffalo	(+2½)	L	10-13

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	at Buffalo	(+3)	W	21-14
A. 15	Cincinnati	(−2½)	L	20-30
A. 22	Miami	(−3)	L	27-31
A. 29	at New Orleans	(−2)	L	17-20

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-5	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	3-4

GREEN BAY

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Dallas	(+3½)	L	17-31
A. 11	Chicago (Milw.)	(−2½)	W	17-10
A. 18	at L.A. Rams	(+2½)	L	24-27
A. 25	Indianapolis	(−6½)	W	34-17

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	Cleveland	(−2½)	L	20-21
A. 12	at Seattle	(+2)	L	21-38
A. 20	Philadelphia	(−3)	L	14-27
A. 27	at St. Louis	(+2)	W	39-27

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	N.Y. Jets	(−2)	P	21-19
A. 20	Cincinnati	(PK)	W	41-27
A. 28	at L.A. Raiders	(+3½)	L	3-24
S. 4	at New England	(+2)	L	27-41

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	at Dallas	(+7)	W	21-17
A. 15	Oakland	(+2½)	W	34-14
A. 22	at Denver	(+3)	L	7-17
A. 29	Cleveland	(+2½)	W	35-18

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	2-6
Combined Spread Record	5-2-1	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	3-2-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	2-6

L.A. RAMS

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at San Diego	(+3)	L	10-17
A. 13	Cleveland	(−2½)	L	10-21
A. 18	Green Bay	(−2½)	W	27-24
A. 23	San Diego	(−3½)	W	47-14

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	San Diego	(+1)	W	34-20
A. 15	Dallas	(−1)	L	7-30
A. 20	New England	(−2½)	W	13-7
A. 28	at San Diego	(+5)	L	17-27

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	Denver	(−3)	L	20-33
A. 19	at Cleveland	(+2½)	L	23-26
A. 26	Seattle	(−3½)	W	23-13
S. 4	San Diego	(−1½)	W	20-14

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 10	New England	(−2)	L	21-34
A. 15	Dallas	(+1)	W	33-21
A. 21	at San Diego	(+3)	L	29-33
A. 27	Minnesota	(−5½)	L	34-31

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	8-4	0-4
Combined Spread Record	7-5	0-4
Favorite Spread Record	6-5	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	0-4

MINNESOTA

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	Atlanta	(−1)	W	37-6
A. 11	Miami	(PK)	L	7-29
A. 18	Philadelphia	(−3)	L	10-31
A. 24	at St. Louis	(+6½)	L	0-31

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	St. Louis (Lond)	(+2)	W	28-10
A. 13	Baltimore	(−3)	L	7-10
A. 19	at Seattle	(+2½)	W	19-17
A. 26	Denver	(−3½)	W	34-3

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 7	Baltimore (O.)	(PK)	W	30-14
A. 14	at Miami	(+3)	P	17-20
A. 21	Seattle	(−3)	W	7-3
A. 28	at Denver	(+3½)	L	17-27
S. 3	New Orleans	(−5)	L	24-21

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	Miami	(+1)	L	5-20
A. 14	at Washington	(+3)	L	13-27
A. 22	Atlanta	(+1)	W	20-19
A. 27	at L.A. Rams	(+5½)	W	31-34

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-4	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-5	4-3-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	3-3-1

NEW ORLEANS

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Kansas City	(+2)	W	34-20
A. 11	Atlanta	(−3½)	W	31-21
A. 18	at Houston	(−1)	W	31-19
A. 25	Washington	(−1)	L	9-14

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
J. 30	Pittsburgh (O.)	(+2½)	L	14-27
A. 6	at Tampa Bay	(+3)	P	17-20
A. 13	at Miami	(+6)	W	19-17
A. 20	Houston	(−3½)	W	20-13
A. 27	N.Y. Jets	(+1)	W	17-10

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 12	at Houston	(+3)	W	20-22
A. 21	Kansas City	(−1½)	W	6-3
A. 28	Cleveland	(+3)	P	17-20
S. 3	at Minnesota	(+5)	W	21-24

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	Baltimore	(+3)	W	24-23
A. 15	Houston	(+2½)	W	27-7
A. 23	Phila. (Syra.)	(+6½)	L	7-36
A. 29	Detroit	(+2)	W	20-17

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	7-1-1	5-2-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-1	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	4-0-1	4-2-1

N.Y. GIANTS

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at New England	(+2½)	W	48-20
A. 11	at Indianapolis	(+1)	L	20-26
A. 18	Jets (Mdlds.)	(−4½)	W	20-14
A. 25	Pittsburgh	(+2)	W	16-9

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 7	N.Y. Jets	(−1)	W	23-16
A. 12	at Pittsburgh	(+3½)	W	22-13
A. 20	Baltimore	(−3½)	W	27-14
A. 26	Miami	(PK)	L	3-24

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	at Baltimore	(−3)	L	14-19
A. 21	Pittsburgh	(−1)	L	10-13
A. 28	N.Y. Jets	(+2)	W	22-10
S. 3	at Miami	(+6)	W	13-16

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	at Chicago	(+6)	W	23-7
A. 15	Baltimore	(PK)	W	20-17
A. 22	N.Y. Jets	(+1½)	L	24-37
A. 29	at Pittsburgh	(+6)	L	6-31

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-3	3-4
Combined Spread Record	6-3	4-3
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	4-2

PHILADELPHIA

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Detroit	(+3)	P	14-17
A. 11	at Pittsburgh	(+3½)	W	17-20
A. 18	at Minnesota	(+3)	W	31-10
A. 23	Cleveland	(−3)	L	20-19

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 5	Detroit	(−3)	W	21-17
A. 13	at San Diego	(+3½)	W	21-20
A. 20	at Green Bay	(+3½)	W	27-14
A. 25	Pittsburgh	(PK)	L	3-10

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	at Tampa Bay	(+2)	L	7-35
A. 20	New England	(−3½)	W	14-7
A. 27	at Atlanta	(+2)	L	21-24
S. 4	at Pittsburgh	(+2½)	L	24-27

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	at Houston	(+1½)	L	10-13
A. 15	Pittsburgh	(−3)	W	36-20
A. 23	New Orleans	(−6½)	W	35-7
A. 29	at N.Y. Jets	(−2½)	L	3-14

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-1	3-7
Combined Spread Record	4-2	4-5-1
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	4-4-1

ST. LOUIS

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Chicago	(+1)	W	19-10
A. 10	Kansas City	(−2½)	W	14-10
A. 17	at Seattle	(+3½)	L	7-17
A. 24	Minnesota	(−6½)	W	31-0

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	Minn. (Lon.)	(−2)	L	10-28
A. 13	Chicago	(−2)	W	27-24
A. 20	at Kansas City	(+2)	W	17-16
A. 27	Green Bay	(−2)	L	27-39

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 13	at Seattle	(+3)	L	0-14
A. 21	at San Francisco	(+5)	W	13-16
a. 28	at Chicago	(+3)	W	10-3
S. 4	Kansas City	(−1½)	L	6-10

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	at San Diego	(+6½)	W	12-10
A. 14	at Seattle	(+2½)	W	30-21
A. 22	at Kansas City	(+2½)	W	16-3
A. 29	Chicago	(−3½)	L	27-31

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-3	6-4
Combined Spread Record	2-3	7-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	7-2

SAN FRANCISCO

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	L.A. Raiders	(PK)	W	13-10
A. 11	at Denver	(PK)	W	20-21
A. 18	at San Diego	(+2½)	L	15-35
A. 24	Seattle	(−3)	W	17-7

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	at L.A. Raiders	(+2½)	L	23-26
A. 13	New England	(−3½)	L	17-15
A. 20	at San Diego	(+1½)	L	7-24
A. 27	Seattle	(−3½)	L	6-20

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	L.A. Raiders	(−3½)	L	14-17
A. 21	St. Louis	(−5)	L	16-13
A. 28	at San Diego	(+3)	L	9-23
S. 3	at Seattle	(−1)	W	17-13

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 5	at Seattle	(+2½)	W	27-24
A. 15	San Diego	(+2½)	L	28-31
A. 22	Seattle	(−2½)	W	24-17
A. 29	at L.A. Raiders	(+4½)	L	7-21

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	2-6
Combined Spread Record	3-5	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	2-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	1-5

TAMPA BAY

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
J. 28	Seattle (Cant.)	(+2½)	L	0-38
A. 4	Houston	(−1)	W	30-17
A. 11	Cincinnati	(PK)	W	21-13
A. 18	at Atlanta	(+4)	L	21-52
A. 24	Miami	(+6½)	W	14-13

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	New Orleans	(−3)	P	20-17
A. 13	at Houston	(PK)	W	23-17
A. 20	Atlanta	(−2½)	W	17-6
A. 26	New England	(−4)	W	41-21

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	Philadelphia	(−2)	W	35-7
A. 21	Washington	(−3½)	W	28-13
A. 28	at Houston	(PK)	L	6-21
S. 3	Atlanta	(−3)	W	34-0

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 8	Cincinnati	(−2)	L	17-24
A. 15	New England	(+2½)	W	16-17
A. 22	Houston	(−1½)	W	27-17
A. 28	at Atlanta	(+7)	L	7-27

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	10-2	1-4
Combined Spread Record	10-1-1	1-4
Favorite Spread Record	8-1-1	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	0-3

WASHINGTON

YEAR-1984

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 4	at Denver	(−2)	W	16-13
A. 10	L.A. Raiders	(−4)	L	20-21
A. 17	New England	(−5½)	L	27-31
A. 25	at New Orleans	(+1)	W	14-9

YEAR-1983

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 6	at Atlanta	(+2½)	L	10-13
A. 12	Cincinnati	(−3)	W	27-23
A. 19	Miami	(−1)	L	7-38
A. 27	at Buffalo	(+1½)	W	27-19

YEAR-1982

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 14	at Miami	(+6)	L	7-24
A. 21	at Tampa Bay	(+3½)	L	13-28
A. 27	at Buffalo	(−2)	L	14-20
S. 3	at Cincinnati	(+5)	L	21-28

YEAR-1981

DATE	OPPONENT	Line	W/L	Score
A. 7	Kansas City	(−3)	W	15-10
A. 14	Minnesota	(−3)	W	27-13
A. 22	at Baltimore	(+2½)	W	13-7
A. 30	at New England	(+6)	L	10-19

FOUR YEAR TOTAL

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-4	4-5
Combined Spread Record	3-4	4-5
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	3-5

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The Astrological Edge

By EDMUND SLICK

The old cliche, "On any given day or night any N.F.L. team can beat another N.F.L. team". We know this as speculators from past game experiences, however as a sports service advisor, I have never given in to an old cliche. There must be a reason **why** this happens, but how can we pinpoint when a choice N.F.L. team will not cover the pointspread on any given day and turn around and cover like gang-busters on another given day.

I asked myself over and over for the answers. I've researched trends, angles and systems for some of the answers, but I wanted all the answers and found them in volumes of Astrological text books. It took twelve years of study and determination. Through trial and error, I became the master of my fate and discovered the only Astrological system that beats the Vegas line.

Professional football teams are going to do one of three things every time they play a scheduled game.

(1) It's going to play it's **average** game performance.
(2) It's going to play **above** it's average game performance.
(3) It's going to play **below** it's average game performance.

Wouldn't it be nice to know what the N.F.L. teams are going to do before they do it! That's what I've been doing for the past 13 football seasons quite successfully...and you can too. The best part is you don't have to know a thing about Astrology. I've transformed the Universe into simple everyday language. I've charted nineteen different cosmic patterns in my research. They have no universal order and some cosmic patterns come up more often than other cosmic patterns. I have named each cosmic pattern after a Greek God. One of these nineteen Gods will rise to the occasion on any given Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this N.F.L. season as they have arisen in the past N.F.L. seasons.

ARES

WINING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Dallas	New England
Indianapolis	New Orleans
Miami	N.Y. Giants
Minnesota	N.Y. Jets
San Francisco	

APHRODITE

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Atlanta	Buffalo
Chicago	Dallas
Cincinnati	Denver
Green Bay	Detroit
Miami	Houston
Pittsburgh	L.A. Rams
St. Louis	Minnesota
San Francisco	New Orleans
Tampa Bay	N.Y. Giants
Washington	Philadelphia

ATHENA

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Cincinnati	Atlanta
Cleveland	Buffalo
Dallas	Chicago
Denver	Houston
Detroit	Indianapolis
Minnesota	N.Y. Jets
New England	St. Louis
New Orleans	
Philadelphia	
San Diego	

APOLLO

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Buffalo	Atlanta
Chicago	Houston
Miami	Indianapolis
Pittsburgh	New Orleans
San Diego	N.Y. Giants
San Francisco	
Seattle	
Washington	

CRONUS

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Cincinnati	Chicago
Dallas	Denver
Detroit	Houston
L.A. Raiders	Indianapolis
Miami	N.Y. Giants
Minnesota	Tampa Bay
New Orleans	

DEMETER

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Cincinnati	Buffalo
Denver	Cleveland
L.A. Raiders	Houston
San Francisco	Indianapolis
Washington	Kansas City
	New Orleans

EROS

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Dallas	Atlanta
Denver	Cleveland
Pittsburgh	Houston
Tampa Bay	L.A. Raiders
Washington	Minnesota
	N.Y. Giants
	Philadelphia

HADES

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
L.A. Raiders	Atlanta
L.A. Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Dallas

HEBE

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
NONE	

HEPHAESTUS

(Has not risen since 1968)

HERA

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
L.A. Raiders	Atlanta
Miami	Cincinnati
New England	L.A. Rams
St. Louis	New Orleans
San Diego	N.Y. Giants
San Francisco	N.Y. Jets
Washington	Philadelphia

HERACLES

(Has not risen since 1972)

HESTIA

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Kansas City	Atlanta
L.A. Raiders	Denver
L.A. Rams	Green Bay
Miami	Indianapolis
N.Y. Jets	New England
Philadelphia	St. Louis
San Francisco	San Diego

HERMES

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Chicago	Buffalo
Cincinnati	Dallas
Cleveland	Detroit
Denver	Green Bay
L.A. Raiders	Houston
Miami	L.A. Rams
N.Y. Jets	New England
Philadelphia	New Orleans
St. Louis	N.Y. Giants
Tampa Bay	Washington

POSEIDON

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Chicago	Atlanta
Cleveland	Buffalo
Detroit	Cincinnati
Kansas City	Green Bay
L.A. Raiders	Houston
L.A. Rams	New Orleans
Miami	Tampa Bay
San Francisco	

PROMETHEUS

(Has not risen since 1977)

SELENE

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Chicago	Atlanta
Indianapolis	Buffalo
L.A. Raiders	Cleveland
L.A. Rams	Dallas
Miami	Houston
N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Giants
St. Louis	San Diego
San Francisco	
Tampa Bay	

URANUS

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Kansas City	Atlanta

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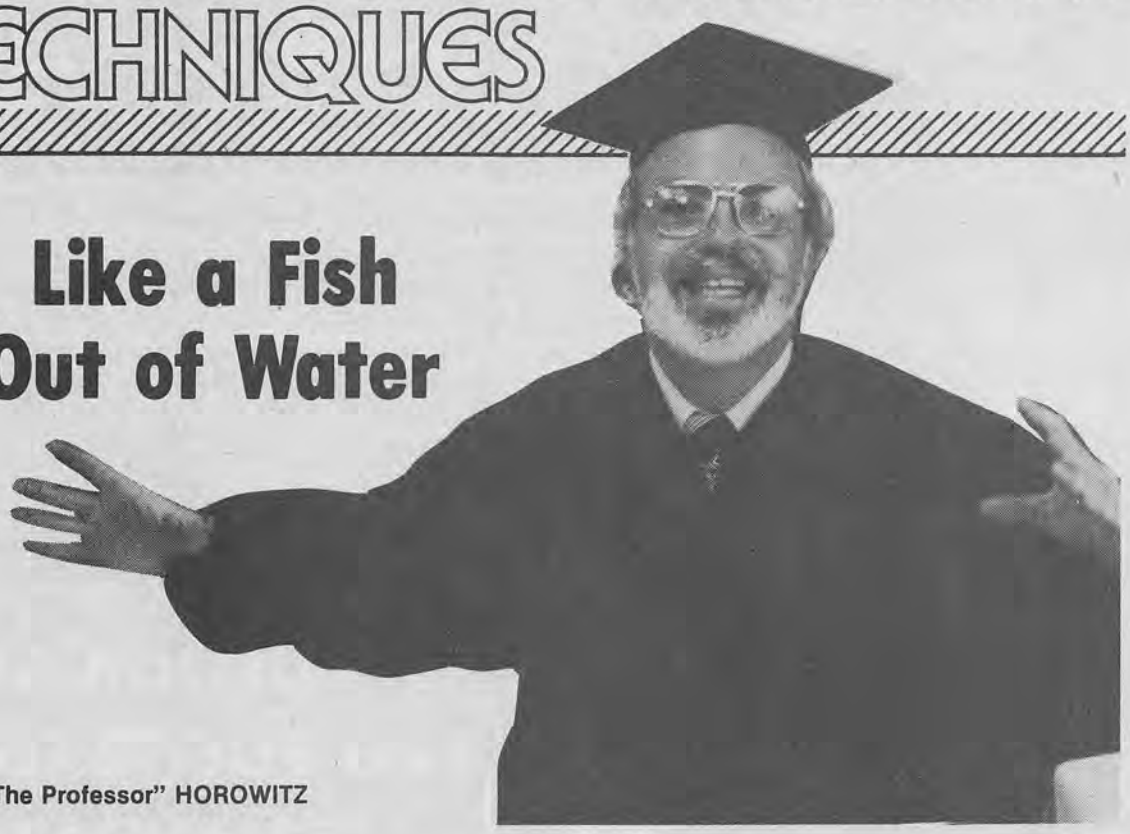
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Like a Fish Out of Water



By ED "The Professor" HOROWITZ

Howard Schnellenberger is mired in Louisville, Kentucky, trying to put that football novice in the public eye as he did for Miami. Bernie Kosar is who knows where and the Miami Hurricanes will not be number one in 1985. The television show "Miami Vice" was probably based on real life happenings around the area and is doing its best to keep the town in the mainstream of Americana.

Thank God, some things never change. Don Shula still is coach of the Dolphins and Dan Marino is still his quarterback. The bettor is probably more thankful for Shula than any other person in pro sports. He is a winner and despite his loss in the Super Bowl, nothing will ever change his basic attitude toward the "Big Game". He will usually win it or stay close enough to cover the spread.

Despite all of his troubles with management and ownership, he is unflappable and there is a strong possibility that if he could not figure a way to beat Frisco, no one could have come up with a suitable game plan. The man gets results time after time and there is a betting area where his teams have stood out in recent years, even in the pre-Marino era.

As an underdog on grass, the Miami Dolphins have a stunning 14-2 record vs the points the past five years. The record does include only regular season games, but even at 1-1 the past five seasons at playoff time there is little harm done.

It does not seem to matter whether they are home or away, the Dolphins take to grass, like another segment of the same Florida community takes to "grass". They flourish. Since 1980, Miami has been a home dog five times and come up on the plus side all five times. During the same period, the Dolphs are a winning 9-2 on the road on the natural surface.

This past year saw them open up on the road against the same Washington Redskins who defeated them in the 1982 Super Bowl. The only difference was Dan Marino. He was not there in 1982, that game was compliments of "Wood-Strock". The 1984 game also had one other difference—Miami was a dog. Dan Marino let the NFL know that 1983 was no accident by bombing the Redskin defense for 311 yards on 21-28 passing and no interceptions. The final score of 35-17 and made those who took the four points a winner. It was the only time the Dolphs were a dog during the course of the regular 1984 season and RFK Stadium in Washington is natural grass.

During the past two years, three teams have changed from natural grass to artificial surfaces, so there is less and less opportunities for this bit of information to be useful but do not ever disregard it, because it is a proven winning point.

In the upcoming 1985 season, Miami will be playing at Denver and at Green Bay. It is too early to project a pointspread on those games but it is within the realm of possibility that the Dolphs will be dogs in either or both of those games, depending on injuries and club improvement. Keep on top of the situation and remember the Dolphin prospers out of water, like no other fish you have seen.

WORKOUT FOR FISH OUT OF WATER THEORY

YEAR	HU	AU	TOTAL
1984	0-0	1-0	1-0
1983	0-0	2-1	2-1
1982	1-0	1-0	2-0
1981	1-0	1-0	2-0
1980	3-0	4-1	7-1
TOTAL	5-0	9-2	14-2 (.875)

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L.A. Raiders	Denver
L.A. Rams	Green Bay
Miami	Indianapolis
N.Y. Jets	New England
Philadelphia	St. Louis
San Francisco	San Diego

ZEUS

WINNING TEAMS	LOSING TEAMS
Miami	Buffalo
Washington	Houston

The above charts indicate all winning teams will be playing **above** their average performance. All losing teams will be playing **below** their average game performance under each day of the God chart specified. If a team is not listed then that team will play its **average** game performance.

RULES

1. Look up the specific cosmic pattern the days of the Gods chart supplied by the Astrological calendar.
2. Play all **winning teams** to cover the pointspread.
3. Play all **losing teams** not to cover the pointspread.
4. If a winning team happens to play a losing team, it's an Astrological Mismatch which has yielded my famous 10-Star Gold winning percentage.
5. If two teams happen to be playing each other and both are listed in either the winning team columns or losing team columns...TAKE THE POINTS!

I've provided you with the Astrological Calendars for the past 4 N.F.L. seasons. This annual provides you with the pointspread results. Do you want to crush your bookmakers? Astrology really works, but don't believe me...check it out yourself.

Astrological Calendar for 1981

Sept. 5	Zeus
Sept. 6	Uranus
Sept. 7	Hera
Sept. 10	Zeus
Sept. 13	Uranus
Sept. 14	Demeter
Sept. 17	Poseidon
Sept. 20	Zeus
Sept. 21	Aphrodite
Sept. 27	Apollo
Sept. 28	Demeter
Oct. 4	Demeter
Oct. 5	Zeus
Oct. 11	Hestia
Oct. 12	Aphrodite
Oct. 18	Zeus
Oct. 19	Hera
Oct. 26	Zeus
Nov. 1	Aphrodite
Nov. 2	Hera
Nov. 8	Athena
Nov. 9	Cronus
Nov. 15	Zeus
Nov. 16	Hera
Nov. 22	Athena
Nov. 23	Ares
Nov. 30	Aphrodite
Dec. 3	Hera
Dec. 6	Zeus
Dec. 12 (day)	Poseidon
Dec. 12 (aft)	Ares
Dec. 13	Cronus
Dec. 14	Athena
Dec. 19	Aphrodite
Dec. 20	Apollo
Dec. 21	Zeus

Astrological Calendar for 1982

Sept. 12	Hera
Sept. 13	Demeter
Sept. 16	Aphrodite
Sept. 19	Zeus
Sept. 20	Aries
Nov. 21	Zeus
Nov. 22	Hades
Nov. 25	Demeter
Nov. 28	Cronus
Nov. 29	Demeter
Dec. 2	Hermes
Dec. 3	Zeus
Dec. 11	Zeus
Dec. 12	Hebe
Dec. 13	Demeter
Dec. 18	Poseidon
Dec. 19	Poseidon
Dec. 20	Apollo
Dec. 26	Aphrodite
Dec. 27	Zeus
Jan. 2	Poseidon
Jan. 3	Apollo

Astrological Calendar for 1983

Sept. 3	Cronus
Sept. 4	Zeus
Sept. 5	Aphrodite
Sept. 8	Zeus
Sept. 11	Athena
Sept. 12	Ares
Sept. 15	Hebe
Sept. 16	Hebe
Sept. 19	Athena
Sept. 25	Zeus
Sept. 26	Athena
Oct. 2	Apollo
Oct. 3	Aphrodite
Oct. 9	Zeus
Oct. 10	Apollo
Oct. 16	Apollo
Oct. 17	Athena
Oct. 23	Aphrodite
Oct. 24	Hades
Oct. 30	Eros
Oct. 31	Zeus
Nov. 6	Selene
Nov. 7	Athena
Nov. 13	Hera
Nov. 14	Apollo
Nov. 20	Uranus
Nov. 21	Hera
Nov. 24	Athena
Nov. 27	Uranus
Nov. 28	Hera
Dec. 1	Cronus
Dec. 4	Apollo
Dec. 5	Zeus
Dec. 10	Aphrodite
Dec. 11	Zeus
Dec. 12	Uranus
Dec. 16	Zeus
Dec. 17	Zeus
Dec. 18	Selene

Astrological Calendar for 1984

Sept. 2	Uranus
Sept. 3	Zeus
Sept. 6	Aphrodite
Sept. 9	Hera
Sept. 10	Uranus
Sept. 16	Hera
Sept. 17	Aphrodite
Sept. 23	Ares
Sept. 24	Zeus
Sept. 30	Hera
Oct. 1	Hera
Oct. 7	Aphrodite
Oct. 8	Poseidon
Oct. 14	Selene
Oct. 15	Zeus
Oct. 21	Demeter
Oct. 22	Aphrodite
Oct. 28	Eros
Oct. 29	Zeus
Nov. 4	Zeus
Nov. 5	Aphrodite
Nov. 11	Athena
Nov. 12	Hades
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Nov. 19	Zeus
Nov. 22	Apollo
Nov. 25	Aphrodite
Nov. 26	Hermes
Nov. 29	Zeus
Dec. 2	Hera
Dec. 3	Athena
Dec. 8	Uranus
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Staggering Out Of the Gate

By Ed "The Professor" Horowitz

Preseason football is a relatively new betting opportunity and there are those who think it is meaningless, but in all my years of professional gambling, I have found that no game is meaningless. There is something to be learned every week.

A good football team can improve even with a loss. Progress is something to be strived for every week and the offensive line is expected to be a more cohesive unit after every game. They learn each others strength and weaknesses and work together as a unit to compliment each other. The defense works in much the same way. If defensive back Jones is great going to his right, but poor to his left, someone else is expected to eventually compensate with more responsibility. This does not mean that Jones is covering less territory, just slightly different to best utilize his strengths.

The professional handicapper has to be watching the same things the coach is watching, because he must be able to pick up the same progress and have the edge over the linemaker. He must be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of betting patterns, that is why past performances and past trends are his lifesblood. A handicapper can not make a good game plan without past results to rely on, just as a coach can not expect to win if he never looks at game film from previous weeks. Strength and weaknesses are apparent to anyone who bothers to look for them.

I am not saying that just because a trend has an overwhelming 13-4 record covering the five year period from 1979-83 that the bettor should bet every penny he can scrounge on the indicated play. I am saying that 13-4 is more than coincidence.

If you were one of the unenlightened who tapped out opening day of the 1984 pro football season by betting on the New Orleans Saints, you probably wish you knew that teams that do not cover at home on closing day of preseason, rarely cover at home on opening day of the regular season.

From 1979 through 1984 if the bettor had bet against any home team on opening day that did not cover their last preseason game, if that game was also at home, he would have been on the plus side of a trend that is now 14-4, which is a nifty 77.7% winning average.

On August 25, the New Orleans Saints closed out their preseason in front of the home fans. As a one and one half point favorite over the Washington Redskins, they were able to score a mere nine points and lose 14-9. Nine points was well below their 32 point per game average at that point and was a warning to the sharp bettor that all was not right in "Bum" Phillips' world.

Sure enough, they opened as a six point favorite at home against division rival Atlanta. The Falcons at this time still had not sent their squad to the Mayo clinic for the season and were more than up to the occasion and creamed the Saints 36-28, providing a win for 1984's only play.

I repeat that I am not saying that the house should have been bet on Atlanta, but I ask you: Don't you wish you had known that history was in my corner?

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The 10 Worst Bets

By BRUCE McCLARREN

Rather than accenting the positive, this time around we're going to really focus on some of pro football's worst aspects. There are certain situations that have developed over the past few seasons that, if you had bet into them, would now have left you totally destitute--unless you have an unlimited supply of money. Obviously, if you flip-flop the situation and, when they again present themselves--and you can be certain they shall--some attractive profits could eventuate during the course of the '85 campaign.

And away we go!

1. **NEVER, BUT NEVER, BACK NEW ORLEANS WHEN THE SAINTS ARE FAVORED**--If you do, the next stop will probably be the poor house. In their last 14 games as favorites, now get this, the Saints have failed to cover in 11 of those instances. The conclusion: Go against New Orleans whenever the club is favored.

2. **HOUSTON IS A NOTORIOUSLY POOR POINTSPREAD STARTING TEAM DURING ITS FIRST FIVE GAMES**--During the last five seasons, if you had gone with the Oilers in their first five games each season, your five-year 'spread record would be a stomach-churning 7-17. Obviously, the smart thing to do is simply take the Oilers' opponents during the team's first quintet of contests.

3. **TAKE THE COWBOYS IN THE SEASON'S** --Unlike other Texas counterparts, the Oilers, the Cowboys fly out of the blocks. They're ready and then some when that first whistle blows. Over the past 11 years, the Dallas pointspread record in its first game is an excellent 8-3.

4. **WHEN TAMPA BAY IS HAVING OFFENSIVE PROBLEMS, THEY ARE REALLY HAVING OFFENSIVE PROBLEMS**--Practically every football fan knows that the Bucs' offense isn't much; never has been, come to think of it. But when the offensive wheels begin to come off the cart, it takes the team a couple of weeks to get back into relatively decent offensive shape.

Example: Immediately following the last nine games in which Tampa Bay has been held to seven points or less, the Bucs are 2-7 vs the points in their very next battle. Keep it in mind.

5. **BEWARE OF A DON SHULA TEAM RIGHT AFTER A POINTSPREAD LOSS**--One of football's very best pointspread teams during the past couple of seasons has been the Dolphin team. They rarely go on prolonged pointspread winning streaks. If Miami does drop a game to the 'spread, it would be prudent to go with them next time out. If you had done nothing more than that following Miami's last 22 pointspread defeats, your follow-up-game record would be a fine 15-7.

6. **THE JETS, AS FAR AS CONSISTENCY IS CONCERNED, ARE A WEAK, WEAK 'SPREAD SQUAD**--Get this. The Jets have only been able to win three straight against the number a single time since the 1981 season ended. Putting it bluntly, after a pair of pointspread wins, their next-game 'spread record shows losses a staggering 80% of the time.

7. **IF YOU ENJOY LOSING, TAKE THE EAGLES WHENEVER THEY'RE FAVORED AT HOME**--Any idea how Philly fares as a home-field favorite at the Vet? Since the 1981 season (about the last time they had a decent squad) the Eagles at-home pointspread record when spotting points is a dark and dismal 2-9. Ugh!

8. **DON'T OVERRATE THE STEELERS IN THEIR FINAL HOME GAME**--Sure, I know Noll's a fine coach, and I know that the weather can be brutal in Pittsburgh late in the seaosn, and I know that the Steelers should have an inherent advantage when performing in front of their wild and wooly fans--BUT--in Pittsburgh's last home game since 1979, the Steelers' spread record is 0-5. Still want 'em?

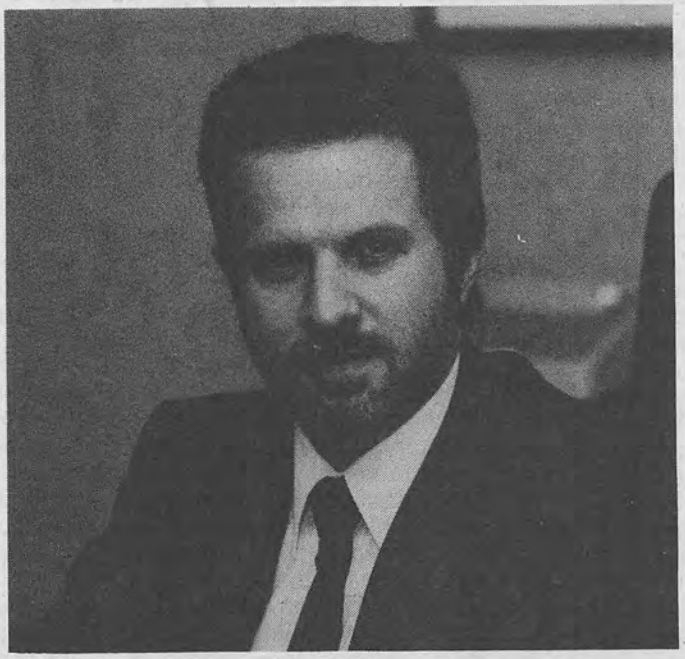
9. **IF YOU'RE HAPPY BUT WANT THAT SMILE WIPED OFF YOU FACE, TAKE THE GIANTS IN THEIR HOME OPENER**--Every year, I hear these glowing reports from the Giants training camp. Every year I hear that the team is ready. Every year, in their home opener, they fail to cover. Don't believe me? Well, as Casey Stengel once said, "You can look it up."

The Giants have't beaten the number in their home opener since 1978. Enough said. Case closed.

10. **DON'T ASSUME THAT THE 49ers OFFENSE HAS SLOWED DOWN**--Bill Walsh is such an offensive innovator that you can just about rest assured that anytime his team turns in a so-so offensive show, he'll add enough wrinkles the next week to get them back into high gear.

To back up that statement, I checked through the results of any game in which the 49ers were held to 14 or less. Believe me, it doesn't happen often, but when it does, the next-week trend is dramatic. In the six follow-up matches after a 14-point or less output by San Francisco, the 49ers beat the spread no less than 5 times. Interesting, right?

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NFL Coaches vs the Points

Is it mere coincidence that the last three Super Bowl coaches are ranked one, two, three in this survey?

Even though the Redskins did not make it past the Chicago Bears this time, the team is still solid and the addition of George Rogers indicates that Riggins injuries may be getting harder to shake as his age increases. It also indicates that Joe Gibbs is not going to mess with success. He has gotten to the top of the pointspread derby by the use of the one back offense and Rogers is a powerful runner in the mold of John Riggins. If his heart is as big as Riggos, the Skins will still be heard from. Gibbs is a winner and his 41-23 spread record is best among active members of the coaching elite. Even though the Skins are still tough and they managed to overcome a slow start last year, it is hard to see how the linemaker can continually be wrong in the assessment of their games. The offensive line is not blessed with a lot of natural ability and hard work is what keeps them successful. Theissman has other things on his mind, Kathy Lee Crosby, and Riggins is at the mercy of his back problems. The defense has shown that it can be passed on, but has managed to come up with the big play when needed. Gibbs spread record may have peaked and his percentage may come down a little, but he must always be respected, because even if he goes 10-7 ATS, his percentage goes down. Most bettors would give their first born to go 10-7 vs the points during the season.



Joe Gibbs - Washington

The exploits of the San Francisco 49ers have been chronicled by many this season. Walsh has soared to the second sport on the chart, by virtue of a 15-4 spread record in 1984. This included a perfect 8-0 as a road favorite. Since 1979, Walsh has won two Super Bowls and been robbed of a trip to a third by some questionable calls in the 1983 championship game. There are no weaknesses in the team structure. No one is getting old, most have superb natural ability and Walsh has the attention of all his players. It is hard to see how the coach can improve on this 58-38 spread record, but Walsh can do the impossible. Just ask him.

The Los Angeles Raiders experienced an off year for the betting public. They were only 8-9 vs the points in 1984 and still Tom Flores holds onto third place on the list. The defense is always tough in important situations and the Raiders win a lot of close games. The linemaker respects the team's history and makes them an overpriced favorite many times over the course of a season. If the bettor can spot these instances, the other plays will be more than profitable. Tom Flores is a very adequate coach and is not given to losing on a continuous basis. Look for the team to supply a few more victories than losses in 1985, if the quarterback situation clears. It is difficult to see how Marc Wilson is ever going to be the gamer that Plunkett is, but he seems to have more natural ability and Plunkett will be there to help his act from time to time.

The fourth coach on the list is Don Shula. His greatness is extolled from coast to coast and is getting downright boring. He is so smart and works so hard, that success just naturally follows him, like a bear follows honey. Shula will never cost the bettor and is always a smart bet in a get out situation. His 129-97 record since 1969 is against the points and for the most part, the record was accomplished without Dan Marino. True, he has coached Griese and Marino, but he has also won with Morral, Woodley and Strock. He could win with Mr. Potato Head.

The gold supply of the United States is centered in Fort Knox. Camp Knox is in Seattle. There is a backup supply of gold waiting for the bettor in that Northwest city. Chuck Knox is and will continue to be a winner. His 103-79 spread record has been accomplished with three different teams and the saga is continuing in Seattle. His team will always be a good bet in critical situations.

In New Orleans, "Bum" Phillips slipped out of the top five and if he isn't careful, he may slip further. His pursuit of Richard Todd surprised more than one bettor. Fortunately, the bettor knows that any team with a defensive IQ of 14 is too much for Todd to handle, so the Saints were a good team to bet against in some instances last season. Phillips must know more about George Rogers than others do to ship him off to the Redskins in favor of the older Earl Campbell. Phillips made his mistake with Todd, he will rebound with a game plan to work around that this year. Look for the "Bum" to rise to the occasion.

The Philadelphia Eagles caught the linemaker napping a few times last season. Marion Campbell made like Merlin the Magician and won a few games he should have lost and stayed close in a few he should have gotten destroyed in. Time will tell if his 10-6 spread record is for real or only a mirage. The team plays in a division with some overrated betting teams and the bettor should hope 1984 was not an accident, because a few extra points against teams like the Giants and Dallas will never hurt the bettor. There comes a time when a coach either turns the corner or runs into the building. The 1984 season resulted in bruises for no less than three long time members of the coaching fraternity. In Cleveland, the collapse buried Sam Rutigliano in the rubble. After about 100 games, the ownership decided that Sam had had a fair chance and after a 46-51 spread record and a failure to ever challenge seriously the crumbling dynasty in Pittsburgh, Sam was cut loose, and replaced by Marty Schottenheimer. He immediately proved his mediocrity by going 4-4 outright the rest of the season. Good for the bettor to know was that his spread record was 5-3 and that can be profitable if it is a sign of things to come. Paul Mc-

The Quintessential Quintet

COACH	TEAM	OVERALL	SPREAD
JOE GIBBS	WASHINGTON	41-23	.640
BILL WALSH	SAN FRANCISCO	58-38	.604
TOM FLORES	RAIDERS	56-41	.577
DAN SHULA	MIAMI	129-97	.570
CHUCK KNOX	SEATTLE	103-79	.566

Three Fantastic Systems

By ERNIE KAUFMAN

My task is to furnish this publication with a series of proven wagering situations for both college and pro football.

The purpose of my effort is to provide our readers with an edge in their sports handicapping.

This article contains three statistical systems that will demonstrate a profit in 1985 for the serious sports gambler. All three wagering situations apply to professional football only. They will require that you keep accurate records if you plan to utilize these systems during this current football season.

Should normal probability factors continue, then you can expect two of three systems to demonstrate a profit for you in 1985.

WAGERING SITUATION NO. 1 THE UNDER TEN AGRESSION HYPOTHESIS

This system calls for a bet on any team that scores 10 (ten) or less points in any regular season game and they are the home team in their very next game.

The play is good regardless of whether our team is a favorite or an underdog.

Let's theorize why this wager has done so well in recent years. A team will experience frustration and anger when they can't score in a game. These emotions are then constructively generated in their next home game—which is advantageous in itself. Our low scoring team tends to take out their frustration by playing more aggressively at home.

The past performance record of the "Under Ten Aggression Hypothesis" is really quite remarkable. In the last 15 football seasons (1970-1984), the results by the Las Vegas pointspread for the "Under Ten" is 260 winner and 152 losses. This interprets to a very healthy 64% winners!

WAGERING SITUATION NO. 2 TWENTY POINTS OR LESS IN 3 CONSECUTIVE GAMES

This is a very interesting bet with extremely profitable returns. We are looking for any team that has scored 20 points or less per game for three consecutive games. The bet is that this team will cover the pointspread in their fourth game.

Before examining this wager's effectiveness—let's rationalize why this situation occurs. All NFL teams are capable of some high scoring games. It's very rare for a team not to have a high scoring game over an extended period of time.

The definition of high scoring...in this case...would be three or more touchdowns—which usually translates to 21 or more points. If any team plays three consecutive games without achieving a total of 21 or more points in one of those games, then that team becomes due for a high scoring game.

A high scoring game results in a strong tendency for a team to cover the pointspread.

The pointspread past performance of this system is as follows: For the last 10 pro football seasons (1975-1984), the "Twenty or Less" system had 80 winners and 42 losers, or 63% winning bets for the football gambler.

WAGERING SITUATION NO. 3 THE FOURTH 90 THEORY

This is another solid play that closely resembles the "Twenty Points or Less." Look for teams that have scored a total of 90 points or more during any three consecutive game period.

What happens here is the opposite of what happens in the "Twenty or Less" theory. The team is due for a low scoring game. The play is to bet **against** any team that scores a total of 90 points or more in three consecutive games.

The pointspread results of this system is another mind boggler! Teams who have a "Fourth 90" have won 46 times and lost 72 times by the Las Vegas pointspread. That means that the sports bettor who bets against the "Fourth 90" teams won 72 bets and lost 46 bets on this play since the 1973 football season.

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Donald is the incumbent quarterback, but Bernie Kosar should be breathing down his back. The linebacking corps sports some impressive names, and the team should only be better on defense after a year's experience playing together. Good luck, Marty, the division is up for grabs.

The Detroit Lions had been coached by Monte Clark since 1978 and all they had to show for it was Billy Sims. One player is never going to make a franchise successful or a coach a winner. Clark never was able to develop a winning quarterback or a strong enough defense to compensate for this lack of leadership. Seven years of mediocrity was more than enough to prove to the owners that the problems might be more in the coaching vein than personnel. First year pro coach Daryll Rogers had a very good college record at Arizona State should bring some new life to a boring team. The division is weak and



Hugh Campbell—Houston

Rogers might make a difference.

Things are quite by the Bay,
The man who rules has gone away.
Its the dawn of a new day
With the departure of John McKay.

Granted, it isn't much in the form of poetry, but then look at the topic. The only way John McKay was able to get off the worst coach list was by resigning. The bettor will miss the anti-McKay wager that he could always count on to get out of the hole. Gone will be McKay's sartorial splendor and his quick wit. Truly a witty fellow, a constant source of one liners for story starved reporters, his sharp analysis of game films and lackluster performances will be missed. A favorite off-the-cuff remark was after a particularly hideous Buc performance a few years ago. When asked what he thought of his team's execution in critical situations, he replied, "I think it's a good idea".

His performance in his last game as he tried to get James Wilder a place in the record book was a low-light of his career. He did a lot to set Pete Rozelle's pure sport concept back to the days of Hornung and Karras. As with his whole career, he ended in style. Surely, he had flare. No class, but a ton of flare. The smart bettor will miss him.

His replacement is a proven pro. Leeman Bennett led the Atlanta Falcons to a couple of playoff spots from 1977-82 and he is inheriting a fairly decent team. His quarterback is Steve Deberg and Deberg is a much travelled second banana who always does an adequate job. Steve may not have found a home in Tampa, but at least he has a House.

Kevin House proved he is more than just a pretty face by making some amazing catches last season. With Deberg, the running of James Wilder and the pass catching exploits of House and the ever dangerous Jimmie Giles, the Bucs should improve and pad Bennett's 46-42 spread mark. Look for Leeman in critical situations, he may be a smart bet this season. There were three other coaching changes and they should be noted. In Indiana, gone is Frank Kush. It proves that a strange and incoherent owner can be too much for even a bully like Kush. Rookie coach Rod Dowhower has his work cut out for him and it will take more than the maturation of Art Schlichter to make coach an immediate winner. There is a lot of young talent on the team and Dowhower will have to teach and mold at the same time. Good luck.

In New England, Ray Berry took over in mid season and the team beat absolutely no team of note in compiling a 4-4 outright mark the rest of the season. With Tony Eason at quarterback throwing to a healthy Irving Fryar, improvement can be expected. If Berry gets rid of some the cry babies and other deadwood, he may be successful enough to challenge Miami. If not, he will end challenging the Bills for fourth place in the AFC East.

The Minnesota Vikings have a new coach. If absence makes the heart grow fonder, the Vikes should love their new coach. Bud Grant is back. Did he find a quarterback and a running back and two receivers while he was fishing for a year. If so, he should patent the bait. Bud is back, but the Vikes are not. The problem was more than Les Steckel. The team has no talent to speak of and people refuse to play in Minnesota, a la Bernie Kosar. At least Grant will instill some pride back in the team and some of those blowouts will be closer. If Kramer stays healthy, Minnesota actually can be close in the Central Division of the NFL, because no team really stands out, except Chicago and the Bears can be beaten by a good quarterback. The new Vike coach returns with a 113-116 spread record and a 161-99 outright record. He should do well this season, especially as a dog.

Some middle of the road records will help demonstrate exactly how difficult it is to be a winner in the NFL. Some of the most improved clubs in the league in 1984 have not done well enough against the spread to elevate their coaches to the appropriate level.

Chicago, for all of it's bluster and multiple defensive sets still managed only a 9-8 spread mark playing against some really sorry competition last season. Mike Ditkas still needs a healthy quarterback to throw the ball to Willie Gault, who can outrun the "Hawk" in the Windy City. If Jim McMahon has recovered from the lacerated liver he suffered last season, he should be able to throw the missiles to Gault. Ditka must be salivating, imagining how effective the great Walter Payton can be if teams can not devote the whole game plan to stopping him.

Dallas is still coached by Tom Landry. Unfortunately, the quarterback picture is not as clear. The team will have to decide between White and Hogeboom and soon. Tony Dorsett suffers the same problems that Payton suffer. He gets beaten up, because the opposing team keys on him. Tony can run, but he can't hide, as Joe Louis would have said. Big guys always end up pounding on him and enough gets to be enough after a

The Faulty Fivesome

COACH	TEAM	OVERALL	SPREAD
HUGH CAMPBELL	HOUSTON	11-22	.333
BILL PARCELLS	GIANTS	12-22	.353
JOE WALTON	JETS	11-20	.355
DAN HENNING	ATLANTA	12-19	.387
KAY STEPHENSON	BUFFALO	12-19	.387

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spell. Just ask Earl Campbell. Landry will still get the Cowboys past the weak sisters but quality teams are going to cause him trouble again.

It took an excellent pointspread year for Dan Reeves to sneak over .500. The team may not really be that impressive and the Broncos will only duplicate last seasons 11-6 spread mark, if Reeves brings another set of mirrors in his travel bag. The team is not as good as Seattle or the Raiders. Not only did Denver catch their opponents sleeping last year, it caught the linemaker in a coma. Their pointspread potential will be hard to predict, so let the team develop and follow the arm of John Elway. If he is doing well, go with Denver, if he is not, go slowly.

After a disastrous beginning, the Green Bay Packers closed with a flurry. It was more like the storm that crippled Denver on the Monday Night game between the two. It was an overwhelming and unexpected downfall as Forest Gregg led his team to cover eight of the last ten games. his career in Cincinnati was the same. Start slow, finish fast. A fast start can lead Green Bay to the playoffs if McMahon takes too much time to get his feet set in Chicago.

Kansas City started and ended on top of the world In between, the John Mackovic coached Chiefs suffered injuries enough for two teams. It is hard to get a fix on the team, because the division is so tough, but Mackovic's history indicates the team will stay close and cover its share of games. An example of this team's inconsistencies is evident when the results of November 4 and 11 are compared to the results of December 2, 9 and 16. The team got blown away by Seattle 45-0, then lost to Houston 17-16. Sad, huh? The about face was apparent as the Chiefs closed by burying Seattle and San Diego by the combined scores of 76-28. The December 2 game was a squeaker of a win over Denver, by a 16-13 count. Somewhere in there is the real team and .500 seems to be a way of life in Middle America Kansas City.

Heading this year's worst coach list is Hugh Campbell. He proved that including his USFL record in the stats was the right move as his 11-20 ATS mark is the worst in pro football. Seriously, Warren Moon looks like he should be able to play quarterback in this league and the division is weak. The team is growing together and the improvement will come every week. Once the Oilers start rolling, back them till they crash. The prediction is that Hugh Campbell will not be at the head of this list next year.

The season promises to be exciting and financially rewarding. Take advantage of the coaching trends and the team trends to keep from making losing wagers and the winning wagers will increase. Sounds easy, and it is if the bettor exercises patience and good judgement. The chart will show you who the winners are and who the losers are. Study it carefully and the winner will be you.

How They Line Up

		PRESENT TEAM								
		OUTRIGHT			SPREAD			OVERALL SPREAD		
TEAM	COACH	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
ATLANTA	DAN HENNING	11	21	.344	12	19	.387	12	19	.387
BUFFALO	KAY STEPHENSON	10	22	.313	12	19	.387	12	19	.387
CHICAGO	MIKE DITKA	22	21	.512	21	20	.512	21	20	.512
CINCINNATI	SAM WYCHE	8	8	.500	9	6	.600	9	6	.600
CLEVELAND	M. SCHOTTENHEIMER	4	4	.500	5	3	.625	5	3	.625
DALLAS	TOM LANDRY	243	141	.633	132	124	.516	132	124	.516
DENVER	DAN REEVES	34	25	.576	30	29	.508	30	29	.508
DETROIT	DARRYL ROGERS	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
GREEN BAY	FOREST GREGG	8	8	.500	8	7	.533	61	54	.530
HOUSTON	HUGH CAMPBELL	3	13	.188	4	11	.267	11	22	333
INDIANAPOLIS	ROD DOWHOWER	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
KANSAS CITY	JOHN MACKOVIC	14	18	.438	17	15	.531	17	15	.531
L.A. RAIDERS	TOM FLORES	66	33	.667	56	41	.577	56	41	.577
L.A. RAMS	JOHN ROBINSON	20	15	.571	17	15	.531	17	15	.531
MIAMI	DON SHULA	169	69	.710	129	97	.570	129	97	.570
MINNESOTA	"BUD" GRANT	161	99	.619	113	116	.493	113	116	.493
NEW ENGLAND	RAY BERRY	4	4	.500	3	5	.375	3	5	.375
NEW ORLEANS	"BUM" PHILLIPS	24	34	.404	23	31	.426	76	60	.559
N.Y. GIANTS	BILL PERCELLS	13	20	.394	12	22	.353	12	22	.353
N.Y. JETS	JOE WALTON	14	18	.438	11	20	.355	11	20	.355
PHILADELPHIA	MARION CAMPBELL	11	20	.355	16	16	.500	26	29	.472
PITTSBURGH	CHUCK NOLL	157	95	.623	130	118	.524	130	118	.524
ST. LOUIS	JIM HANIFAN	34	39	.466	35	39	.473	35	39	.473
SAN DIEGO	DON CORYELL	63	49	.563	54	56	.491	86	94	.478
SAN FRANCISCO	BILL WALSH	56	41	.577	58	38	.604	58	38	.604
SEATTLE	CHUCK KNOX	23	13	.639	17	18	.486	103	79	.566
TAMPA	LEEMAN BENNETT	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	46	42	.523
WASHINGTON	JOE GIBBS	47	18	.723	41	23	.640	41	23	.640

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The Grass Isn't Always Greener

By MARK HARRIS (All American Sports)

For the plungers among you who love lots of action, there is finally a technique that has proven over the last six years to be stronger than home dogs. The play has come up over 570 times the last six years and the record is 318 wins and only 252 losses. There were a few pushes, but who cares when you average 95 plays a year on just one system. Without even thinking, you would have won slightly more than six out of every 11 bets.

The system would be simple, just bet every dog on grass. Since 1979, home dogs on grass have a sharp 90-61 record. More interesting is the fact that away dogs, playing on grass, have a respectable 228-191 mark. The bettor more than would have held his own, if these facts were at his finger tips.

The chart below will give you an edge. It lists every team in the NFL and it's record on natural and artificial surfaces while playing road games. Besides the obvious point that dogs do well on grass, many of the individual teams have characteristics which the sharp bettor would want to be aware of.

It has to be interesting to note that the Atlanta Falcons have a superlative 19-11 record as a road dog the past six seasons, but a lack-lustre 3-9 record as a favorite. There is no difference between natural or artificial surfaces. Teams like Chicago seem to hold their own on artificial surfaces, but have been a losing bet on grass. Denver does better on grass than artifical turfs, but Green Bay does terrible on grass. Indianapolis has done better vs the points on artificial surfaces than it has on natural turf.

A team like New England has been death to the bettor when the game was played on grass, yet New Orleans has done noticeably better on real grass. Pittsburgh's record is as confusing as Atlanta's. The Steelers are 8-4 as a road dog, but a horrid 9-23 as a road favorite since 1979. San Francisco is 17-3 as a road favorite since '79 and Tampa is only 1-5. The Washington Redskins mix the record up a bit differently than others. The Skins are 7-1 as an away dog on grass, but only 2-2 as a favorite. On the other hand, Washington is 7-8 as a road dog on artificial turfs, but a whopping 12-4 as a favorite.

As you study the chart, I am sure you can spot other facts that stand out. This chart is a handicapping tool that the sharp handicapper uses as he picks his games for the weekend's plays. The more knowledge he has, the more intelligent his plays will be and the intelligent player is usually the one looking for his bookie, not hiding from him.

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	Reg	Grass		Artifical		
TEAM	SURFACE	FAV	DOG	FAV	DOG	TOTAL
ATLANTA	Natural	1-5	10-6	2-4	9-5	22-20
BUFFALO	Artificial	3-4	8-8	3-3	6-9	20-24
CHICAGO	Artificial	2-5	8-10	2-1	8-9	20-25
CINCINNATI	Artificial	2-2	7-10	3-7	6-6	18-25
CLEVELAND	Natural	0-2	8-3	4-3	12-12	24-20
DALLAS	Artifical	6-8	2-4	11-9	2-2	21-23
DENVER	Natural	5-1	7-6	2-6	7-9	21-22
DETROIT	Artificial	1-4	11-11	1-3	6-5	19-23
GREEN BAY	Natural	0-3	7-12	3-5	10-5	20-25
HOUSTON	Artificial	4-3	5-8	1-2	4-14	14-27
INDIANAPOLIS	Artificial	0-0	8-12	0-2	15-8	23-22
KANSAS CITY	Artificial	0-1	14-9	1-2	10-8	25-20
L.A. RAIDERS	Natural	4-3	8-2	6-8	7-5	25-18
L.A. RAMS	Natural	3-5	10-3	5-3	8-6	26-17
MIAMI	Natural	3-5	9-1	8-7	5-4	25-17
MINNESOTA	Artificial	1-0	11-10	0-6	11-7	23-23
NEW ENGLAND	Artificial	2-9	3-9	6-4	5-7	16-29
NEW ORLEANS	Artificial	1-0	14-10	2-1	7-7	24-18
N.Y. GIANTS	Artificial	0-1	9-8	1-1	12-11	22-21
N.Y. JETS	Artificial	3-5	9-5	4-4	5-9	21-23
PHILADELPHIA	Artificial	3-4	8-3	6-2	11-8	28-17
PITTSBURGH	Artificial	2-8	6-3	7-15	2-1	17-27
ST. LOUIS	Artificial	1-0	8-7	7-4	9-9	25-20
SAN DIEGO	Natural	4-7	4-3	7-10	5-3	20-23
SAN FRANCISCO	Natural	6-1	6-8	11-2	6-4	29-15
SEATTLE	Artificial	2-0	14-10	3-3	4-10	23-23
TAMPA BAY	Natural	0-2	7-9	1-3	13-10	21-24
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ATLANTA FALCONS

1	Fralic, Bill	T	Pittsburgh
	From Houston through Minnesota		
1	Choice to Minnesota		
2	Choice to Washington		
2	Gann, Mike	DE	Notre Dame
	From St. Louis		
3	Choice to Minnesota		
4	Harry, Emile	WR	Stanford
5	Choice to St. Louis		
6	Choice to Miami		
6	Pleasant, Reggie	DB	Clemson
	From New Orleans		
7	Choice to Cincinnati		
8	Lee, Ashley	DB	Virginia Tech
8	Washington, Ronnie	LB	W.E. Louisiana
	From New England		
9	Moon, Micah	LB	North Carolina
10	Martin, Brent	C	Stanford
11	Ayres, John	DB	Illinois
12	Whisenhunt, Ken	TE	Georgia Tech

BUFFALO BILLS

1	Smith, Bruce	DE	Virginia Tech
1	Burroughs, Derrick	DB	Memphis State
	From Green Bay		
2	Traynowicz, Mark	T	Nebraska
2	Burkett, Chris	WR	Jackson State
	From Green Bay		
3	Reich, Frank	QB	Maryland
3	Garner, Hal	LB	Utah State
	From Cleveland		
4	Reed, Andre	WR	Kutztown, PA
4	Hellestrae, Dale	T	So. Methodist
	From San Francisco		
5	Choice to L.A. Rams		
5	Teal, Jimmy	WR	Texas A&M
	From Dallas		
6	Hamby, Mike	DT	Utah State
7	Pitts, Ron	DB	UCLA
8	Robinson, Jacque	RB	Washington
9	Jones, Glenn	DB	Norfolk State
10	Babyar, Chris	G	Illinois
11	Seawright, James	LB	South Carolina
12	Choice to Washington		
12	Woodside, Paul	K	West Virginia
	From Seattle		

CHICAGO BEARS

1	Perry, William	DT	Clemson
2	Phillips, Reggie	DB	So. Methodist
3	Maness, James	WR	Texas Christian
4	Butler, Kevin	K	Georgia
5	Choice to N.Y. Jets		
6	Choice to L.A. Rams		
7	Bennett, Charles	DE	S.W. Louisiana
8	Buxton, Steve	T	Indiana State
9	Sanders, Thomas	RB	Texas A&M
10	Coryatt, Pat	DT	Baylor
11	Morrissey, James	LB	Michigan State
12	Choice to San Diego		

CINCINNATI BENGALS

1	Brown, Eddie	WR	Miami
1	King, Emanuel	LB	Alabama
	From Seattle		
2	Zander, Carl	LB	Tennessee
3	Thomas, Sean	DB	Texas Christian
4	Tuggle, Anthony	DB	Nicholls State
5	Degrate, Tony	DT	Texas
5	Davis, Lee	DB	Mississippi
	From New England		
6	Stokes, Eric	T	Northeastern
	From Tampa Bay		
6	Lester, Keith	TE	Murray State
7	Locklin, Kim	RB	New Mexico State
	From Atlanta		
7	Walter, Joe	T	Texas Tech
8	Strobel, Dave	LB	Iowa
9	Cruise, Keith	DE	Northwestern
10	King, Bernard	LB	Syracuse
11	Stanfield, Harold	TE	Mississippi Col.
12	Garza, Louis	T	New Mexico State

CLEVELAND BROWNS

1	Choice to Green Bay through Buffalo		
2	Allen, Greg	RB	Florida State
3	Choice to Buffalo		
4	Choice to Miami		
5	Choice to Dallas through Buffalo		
6	Krerowicz, Mark	G	Ohio State
7	Langhorne, Reginald	WR	Eliz. City State
8	Banks, Fred	WR	Liberty Baptist
9	Choice to Philadelphia		
10	Williams, Larry	G	Notre Dame
11	Tucker, Travis	TE	Southern Conn.
12	Swanson, Shane	WR	Nebraska

DALLAS COWBOYS

1	Brooks, Kevin	DE	Michigan
2	Penn, Jesse	LB	Virginia Tech
3	Ker, Crawford	G	Florida
4	Lavette, Robert	RB	Georgia Tech
5	Walker, Herschel	RB	Georgia
	From Houston		
5	Darwin, Matt	C	Texas A&M
	From Cleveland through Buffalo		
5	Choice to Buffalo		
6	Ploeger, Kurt	DE	Gustavus Adolph
	From Indianapolis		
6	Moran, Matt	G	Stanford
7	Powe, Karl	WR	Alabama State
	From N.Y. Jets through Kansas City		
7	Herrmann, Jim	DE	Brigham Young
8	Gonzales, Leon	WR	Bethune-Cookman
9	Strasburger, Scott	LB	Nebraska
10	Jones, Joe	TE	Virginia Tech
11	Dellocono, Neal	LB	UCLA
12	Jordan, Karl	LB	Vanderbilt

DENVER BRONCOS

1	Sewell, Steve	RB	Oklahoma
2	Johnson, Vance	WR	Arizona
	From Houston		
2	Fletcher, Simon	DE	Houston
3	Choice to Houston		
4	McGregor, Keli	TE	Colorado State
5	Choice to Houston		
5	Hinson, Billy	G	Florida
	From Miami		
6	Choice to NY Jets		
7	Cameron, Dallas	NT	Miami
8	Riley, Eric	DB	Florida State
9	Smith, Daryl	DB	North Alabama
10	Funck, Buddy	QB	New Mexico
	From New England		
10	Anderson, Ron	LB	So. Methodist
11	Rolle, Gary	WR	Florida
12	Lynch, Dan	G	Washington State

DETROIT LIONS

1	Brown, Lomas	T	Florida
2	Glover, Kevin	C	Maryland
3	Johnson, James	LB	San Diego State
4	Hancock, Kevin	LB	Baylor
5	McIntosh, Joe	RB	No. Carolina State
6	Short, Stan	G	Penn State
7	Staten, Tony	DB	Angelo State
8	Caldwell, Scotty	RB	Texas-Arlington
9	James, June	LB	Texas
10	Beauford, Clayton	WR	Auburn
11	Harris, Kevin	DB	Georgia
12	Weaver, Mike	G	Georiga

GREEN BAY PACKERS

1	Ruettgers, Ken	T	So. California
	From Cleveland through Buffalo		
1	Choice to Buffalo		
2	Choice to Buffalo		
3	Moran, Rich	G	San Diego State
4	Stanley, Walter	WR	Mesa, Colorado
5	Noble, Brian	LB	Arizona State
6	Lewis, Mark	TE	Texas A&M
7	Wilson, Eric	LB	Maryland
	From Minnesota		
7	Ellerson, Gary	RB	Wisconsin
8	Stills, Ken	DB	Wisconsin
9	Johnson, Morris	G	Alabama A&M
10	Burgess, Ronnie	DB	Wake Forest
11	Shield, Joe	QB	Trinity, Conn.
12	Meyer, Jim	P	Arizona State

HOUSTON OILERS

1	Choice to Atlanta through Minnesota		
1	Childress, Ray	De	Texas A&M
	From Minnesota		
1	Johnson, Richard	DB	Wisconsin
	From New Orleans		
2	Choice to Denver		
2	Byrd, Richard	DE	So. Mississippi
	From Tampa Bay through Denver		
3	Choice to NY Giants		
3	Kelley, Mike	C	Notre Dame
	From Denver		
4	Briehl, Tom	LB	Stanford
5	Choice to Dallas		
5	Bush, Frank	LB	No. Carolina St.
	From LA Rams through Kansas City		
5	Johnson, Lee	K	Brigham Young
	From Denver		
6	Choice to LA Raiders		
6	Krakoski, Joe	LB	Washington
	From Kansas City		
7	Akiu, Mike	WR	Hawaii
8	Thomas, Chuck	C	Oklahoma
9	Tasker, Steve	KR	Northwestern
10	Golic, Mike	DE	Notre Dame
11	Drewrey, Willie	KR	West Virginia
12	Vonder Haar, Mark	DT	Minnesota

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

1	Bickett, Duane	LB	So. California
2	Anderson, Don	DB	Purdue
3	Young, Anthony	DB	Temple
4	Broughton, Willie	DE	Miami
5	Caron, Roger	T	Harvard
6	Choice to Dallas		
7	Harbour, James	WR	Mississippi
8	Nichols, Ricky	WR	East Carolina

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9	Boyer, Mark	TE	So. California
10	Pinesett, Andre	DT	Fullerton
11	Choice to LA Rams		
12	Burnette, Dave	T	Central Arkansas

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

1	Horton, Ethan	RB	North Carolina
2	Hayes, Jonathan	TE	Iowa
3	Choice to San Diego		
4	Olderman, Bob	G	Virginia
5	King, Bruce	RB	Purdue
6	Bostic, Jonathan From Philadelphia	DB	Bethune-Cookman
6	Choice to Houston		
7	Thomson, Vince From San Diego	DE	Missouri Western
7	Heffernan, Dave	G	Miami
8	Hillary, Ira	WR	So. Carolina
9	Armentrout, Mike	DB	S.W. Missouri
10	Smith, Jeff	RB	Nebraska
11	Jackson, Chris	C	So. Methodist
12	Le Bel, Harper	C	Colorado State

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

1	Hester, Jessie	WR	Florida State
2	Choice to New England		
3	Moffett, Tim	WR	Mississippi
3	Adams, Stefon	DB	East Carolina
3	From Washington through Houston		
4	Kimmel, Jamie From Washington	LB	Syracuse
4	Choice to New England		
5	Reeder, Dan	RB	Delaware
6	Hilger, Rusty From Houston	QB	Oklahoma State
6	Choice to Minnesota		
7	Belcher, Kevin	T	Wisconsin
7	Pattison, Mark	WR	Washington
7	From New England		
7	Clark, Bret	DB	Nebraska
7	Haden, Nick From Washington through New England	C	Penn State
8	Wingate, Leonard	DT	So. Carolina State
9	Sydnor, Chris	DB	Penn State
10	Mc Kenzie, Reggie From Washington	LB	Tennessee
10	Myres, Albert	DB	Tulsa
11	Strachan, Steve	RB	Boston College
12	Polk, Raymon	DB	Oklahoma State

LOS ANGELES RAMS

1	Gray, Jerry	DB	Texas
2	Scott, Chuck	WR	Vanderbilt
3	Hatcher, Dale	P	Clemson
4	Choice to Minnesota		
5	Greene, Kevin From Buffalo	LB	Auburn
5	Choice to Houston through Kansas City		
6	Young, Mike From Chicago	WR	UCLA
6	Johnson, Damone	TE	Cal Poly-Obispo
7	Bradley, Danny	RB	Oklahoma
8	Mc Intyre, Marlon	RB	Pittsburgh
9	Swanson, Gary	LB	Cal Poly-Obispo
10	Love, Duval	G	UCLA
11	Flutie, Doug From Indianapolis	QB	Boston College
11	Brown, Kevin	DB	Northwestern
12	Choice to Tampa Bay		

MIAMI DOLPHINS

1	Hampton, Lorenzo	RB	Florida
2	Choice to San Diego		
3	Little, George From Philadelphia	DT	Iowa
3	Moyer, Alex	LB	Northwestern
4	Smith, Mike From Cleveland	DB	Texas-El Paso
4	Dellenbach, Jeff	T	Wisconsin
5	Choice to Denver		
6	Shorthose, George From Atlanta	WR	Missouri
6	Davenport, Ron	RB	Louisville
7	Revetz, Faud	K	Tennessee
8	Sharp, Dan	TE	Texas Christian
9	Hinds, Adam	DB	Oklahoma State
10	Pendleton, Mike	DB	Indiana
11	Jones, Mike	RB	Tulane
12	Noble, Ray	DB	California

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

1	Choice to Houston		
1	Doleman, Chris From Atlanta	LB	Pittsburgh
2	Holt, Issiac	DB	Alcorn State
3	Lowdermilk, Kirk	C	Ohio State
3	Meamber, Tim From Atlanta	LB	Washington
3	Long, Tim From San Diego	T	Memphis State
4	Rhymes, Buster	WR	Oklahoma
4	Morrell, Kyle From LA Rams	DB	Brigham Young
5	Mac Donald, Mark	G	Boston College
6	Bono, Steve	QB	UCLA
6	Newton, Tim From LA Raiders	NT	Florida
7	Choice to Green Bay		
8	Blair, Nikita	LB	Texas-El Paso
9	Covington, Jaime	RB	Syracuse
10	Johnson, Juan	WR	Langston, Okla.
11	Williams, Tim	DB	No. Carolina A&T
12	Jones, Byron	NT	Tulsa

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

1	Choice to San Francisco		
1	Matich, Trevor From San Francisco	C	Brigham Young
2	Veris, Garin	DE	Stanford
2	Bowman, Jim From LA Raiders	DB	Central Michigan
2	Thomas, Ben From San Francisco	DE	Auburn
3	Choice to San Francisco		
3	Mc Millian, Audrey From San Francisco	DB	Houston
4	Toth, Tom	T	Western Michigan
4	Phelan, Gerard From LA Raiders	WR	Boston College
5	Choice to Cincinnati		
6	Choice to Philadelphia		
7	Choice to LA Raiders		
8	Choice to Atlanta		
8	Hodge, Milford From San Francisco	DT	Washington State
9	Choice to Pittsburgh		
10	Choice to Denver		
11	Lewis, Paul	RB	Boston U.
12	Mumford, Tony	Rb	Penn State

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

1	Choice to Houston		
1	Toles, Alvin	LB	Tennessee
	From Washington		
2	Gilbert, Daren	T	Cal State-Fullerton
3	Del Rio, Jack	LB	So. California
4	Allen, Billy	DB	Florida State
5	Choice to Washington		
6	Choice to Atlanta		
7	Martin, Eric		
8	Kohlbrand, Joe	DE	Miami
9	Johnson, Earl	DB	South Carolina
10	Choice to Washington		
11	Choice to Washington		
12	Songy, Treg	DB	Tulane

NEW YORK GIANTS

1	Adams, George	RB	Kentucky
2	Robinson, Stacy	WR	North Dakota St.
3	Davis, Tyrone	DB	Clemson
	From Houston		
3	Johnston, Brian	C	North Carolina
4	Bavaro, Mark	TE	Notre Dame
5	Henderson, Tracy	WR	Iowa State
6	Oliver, Jack	G	Memphis State
6	Pembrook, Mark	DB	Cal State-Fullerton
	From Seattle		
7	Choice to LA Raiders		
8	Rouson, Lee	RB	Colorado
9	Wright, Frank	NT	South Carolina
10	Dubroc, Gregg	LB	Louisiana State
11	Young, Allen	DB	Virginia Tech
12	Welch, Herb	DB	UCLA

NEW YORK JETS

1	Toon, Al	WR	Wisconsin
2	Lyles, Lester	DB	Virginia
3	Elder, Donnie	DB	Memphis State
4	Allen, Doug	WR	Arizona State
5	Benson, Troy	LB	Pittsburgh
	From Tampa Bay		
5	Luft, Brian	DT	So. California
5	Smith, Tony	WR	San Jose State
	From Chicago		
6	Deaton, Jeff	G	Stanford
6	Miano, Rich	DB	Hawaii
	From Denver		
7	Choice to Dallas		
	through Kansas City		
8	Monger, Matt	LB	Oklahoma State
9	Waters, Mike	RB	San Diego State
10	Glenn, Kerry	DB	Minnesota
11	White, Brad	DE	Texas Tech
12	Wallace, Bill	WR	Pittsburgh

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

1	Allen, Kevin	T	Indiana
2	Cunningham, Randall	QB	Nevada-Las Vegas
3	Choice to Miami		
4	Naron, Greg	G	North Carolina
5	Jiles, Dwayne	LB	Texas Tech
6	Choice to Kansas City		
6	Reeves, Ken	T	Texas A&M
	From New England		
7	Choice to Washington		
8	Polly, Tom	LB	Nevada-Las Vegas
9	Toub, Dave	C	Texas-El Paso
	From Cleveland		
9	Drake, Joe	DT	Arizona
10	Kelso, Mark	DB	William & Mary
11	Hunter, Herman	RB	Tennessee State
12	Russell, Todd	DB	Boston College

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

1	Sims, Darryl	DE	Wisconsin
2	Behning, Mark	T	Nebraska
3	Hobley, Liffort	DB	Louisiana St.
4	Turk, Dan	C	Wisconsin
5	Choice to Seattle		
5	Jacobs, Cam	LB	Kentucky
	From Washington		
6	Carr, Gregg	LB	Auburn
7	Andrews, Alan	TE	Rutgers
8	Newsome, Harry	P	Wake Forest
9	Small, Fred	LB	Washington
9	Harris, Andre	DB	Minnesota
	From New England		
10	White, Oliver	TE	Kentucky
11	Matichak, Terry	DB	Missouri
12	Sanchez, Jeff	DB	Georgia

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

1	Nunn, Freddie	LB	Mississippi
2	Choice to Atlanta		
2	Bergold, Scott	T	Wisconsin
	From Washington		
	through Atlanta		
3	Smith, Lance	T	Louisiana St.
4	Wolfley, Ron	RB	West Virginia
5	Dunn, K. D.	TE	Clemson
	From Atlanta		
5	Wong, Louis	G	Brigham Young
6	Novacek, Jay	WR	Wyoming
7	Choice to Washington		
	through Kansas City		
8	Monaco, Rob	G	Vanderbilt
9	Williams, Scott	TE	Georgia
10	Williams, Dennis	RB	Furman
11	Anderson, Ricky	K	Vanderbilt
12	Young, Lonnie	DB	Michigan St.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

1	Lachey, Jim	G	Ohio St.
2	Davis, Wayne	DB	Indiana St.
2	Dale, Jeffery	DB	Louisiana St.
	From Miami		
3	Choice to Minnesota		
3	Hendy, John	DB	Long Beach
	From Kansas City		
4	Mojsiejenko, Ralf	K	Michigan St.
5	Choice to Seattle		
6	Lewis, Terry	DB	Michigan St.
7	Choice to Kansas City		
7	Fellows, Mark	LB	Montana St.
	From San Francisco		
8	Adams, Curtis	RB	Central Michigan
9	Berner, Paul	QB	Pacific
9	Remsberg, Dav	T	Abilene Christian
	From San Francisco		
10	King, David	DB	Auburn
11	Smith, Jeff	NT	Kentucky
12	Simmons, Tony	DE	Tennessee
12	Pearson, Bret	TE	Wisconsin
	From Chicago		

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

1	Rice, Jerry	WR	Miss. Valley
	From New England		
1	Choice to New England		
2	Choice to New England		
3	Moore, Ricky	RB	Alabama
	From New England		
3	Choice to New England		
4	Choice to Buffalo		
5	Collie, Bruce	T	Texas-Arlington
6	Barry, Scott	QB	Cal-Davis
7	Choice to San Diego		
8	Choice to New England		
9	Choice to San Diego		
10	Choice to Seattle		
11	Wood, David	DE	Arizona
12	Chumley, Donald	DT	Georgia

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

1	Choice to Cincinnati		
2	Gill, Owen	RB	Iowa
3	Greene, Danny	WR	Washington
4	Davis, Tony	TE	Missouri
5	Napolitan, Mark	C	Michigan St.
	From San Diego		
5	Brown, Arnold	DB	N. Carolina Cent.
	From Pittsburgh		
5	Jones, Johnnie	RB	Tennessee
6	Choice to N.Y. Giants		
7	Mattes, Ron	T	Virginia
8	Lewis, Judious	WR	Arkansas St.
9	Otto, Bob	DE	Idaho St.
10	Conner, John	QB	Arizona
10	Bowers, James	DB	Memphis St.
	From San Francisco		
11	Cooper, Louis	LB	Western Carolina
12	Choice to Buffalo		

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

1	Holmes, Ron	DE	Washington
2	Choice to Houston		
	through Denver		
3	Randle, Ervin	LB	Baylor
4	Heaven, Mike	DB	Illinois
5	Choice to N.Y. Jets		
6	Choice to Cincinnati		
7	Prior, Mike	DB	Illinois St.
8	Freeman, Phil	WR	Arizona
9	Calabria, Steve	QB	Colgate
10	Igwebuike, Donald	K	Clemson
11	Williams, James	RB	Memphis St.
12	Rockford, Jim	DB	Oklahoma
12	Melka, Jim	LB	Wisconsin
	From LA Rams		

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

1	Choice to New Orleans		
2	Nixon, Tory	DB	San Diego St.
	From Atlanta		
2	Choice to St. Louis		
	through Atlanta		
3	Choice to LA Raiders		
	through Houston		
4	Choice to LA Raiders		
5	Cherry, Raphel		
	From New Orleans	RB	Hawaii
5	Choice to Pittsburgh		
6	Lee, Danzell	TE	Lamar
7	Harris, Jamie	KR	Oklahoma St.
	From Philadelphia		
7	Vital, Lionel	RB	Nicholls St.
	From St. Louis		
	through Kansas City		
7	Choice to LA Raiders		
	through New England		
8	Wilburn, Barry	DB	Mississippi
9	Geier, Mitch	G	Troy St.
10	Orr, Terry	RB	Texas
	From New Orleans		
10	Choice to LA Raiders		
11	McKenzie, Raleigh	G	Tennessee
	From New Orleans		
11	Kimble, Garry	DB	Sam Houston St.
12	Hamel, Dean	DT	Tulsa
	From Buffalo		
12	Winn, Bryant	LB	Houston

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COLLEGES

Abilene Christian	1
Alabama	2
Alabama A&M	1
Alabama State	1
Alcorn State	1
Angelo State	1
Arizona	5
Arizona State	3
Arkansas State	1
Auburn	5
Baylor	3
Bethune-Cookman	2
Boston College	5
Boston U.	1
Brigham Young	5
Cal Poly-Obispo	2
Cal State-Fullerton	3
Cal State-Long Beach	1
Cal-Davis	1
California	1
Central Arkansas	1
Central Michigan	2
Clemson	6
Colgate	1
Colorado	1
Colorado State	2
Delaware	1
East Carolina	2
Elizabeth City State	1
Florida	6
Florida State	4
Furman	1
Georgia	7
Georgia Tech	2
Gustavus Adolphus	1
Harvard	1
Hawaii	3
Houston	3
Idaho State	1
Illinois	3
Illinois State	1
Indiana	2
Indiana State	2
Iowa	4
Iowa State	1
Jackson State	1
Kentucky	4
Kutztown, PA	1
Lamar	1
Langston, Okla.	1
Liberty Baptist	1
Louisiana State	5
Louisville	1
Maryland	3
Memphis State	6
Mesa, Colo.	1
Miami	5
Michigan	1
Michigan State	5
Minnesota	3
Mississippi	5
Mississippi College	1
Mississippi Valley	1
Missouri	3
Missouri Western	1
Montana State	1
Murray State	1
N. Carolina Central	1
N.E. Louisiana	1
Nebraska	6
Nevada-Las Vegas	2
New Mexico	1
New Mexico State	2
Nicholls State	2
Norfolk State	1
North Alabama	1
North Carolina	4
North Carolina A&T	1
North Carolina State	2
North Dakota State	1
Northeastern	1
Northwestern	4
Notre Dame	5
Ohio State	3
Oklahoma	5
Oklahoma State	5
Pacific	1
Penn State	4
Pittsburgh	5
Purdue	2
Rutgers	1
S.W. Louisiana	1
S.W. Missouri	1
Sam Houston State	1
San Diego State	4
San Jose State	1
So. Mississippi	1
South Carolina	4
South Carolina State	1
Southern California	5
Southern Connecticut	1
Southern Methodist	4
Stanford	6
Syracuse	3
Temple	1
Tennessee	7
Tennessee State	1
Texas	4
Texas A&M	6
Texas Christian	3
Texas Tech	3
Texas-Arlington	2
Texas-El Paso	3
Trinity, Conn.	1
Troy State	1
Tulane	2
Tulsa	3
UCLA	6
Utah State	2
Vanderbilt	4
Virginia	3
Virginia Tech	5
Wake Forest	2
Washington	7
Washington State	2
West Virginia	3
Western Carolina	1
Western Michigan	1
William & Mary	1
Wisconsin	11
Wyoming	1

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CSIC	1
GLF-S	3
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IVYC	1
L'STR	3
MAC	3
MEAC	4
MIAC	1
MOIA	1
MVC	8
NCAC	1
NCIC	1
OVC	1
PAC10	35
PCAA	10
PSAC	1
S'LND	3
SEC	45
SIAC	1
SOUTH	4
SWAC	4
SWC	26
WAC	19
WFC	2
YANK	1

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1985 NFC DRAFT NOTES & QUOTES

Atlanta: Falcons used the second choice in the first round (obtained in a trade with Minnesota) to select **T Bill Fralic**, 6-5 and 285 pounds. Fralic is one of only four University of Pittsburgh players to ever have his jersey (No. 79) retired. The others are **RB Tony Dorsett** (No. 33) now with Dallas, **LB Hugh Green** (No. 99) with Tampa Bay and **QB Dan Marino** (No. 13) with Miami. Fralic is anxious to contribute. "I just want to help the team any way I can—whether it's sitting on the bench, carrying cups around for (16-year veteran center) **Jeff Van Note** or whatever," said Fralic...**Chicago:** Bears beefed up their defensive line with choice of **DT William Perry**, 6-2 and around 320 pounds, out of Clemson. "I'm excited," said Bears Head Coach **Mike Ditka**. "He'll look good in a Bears uniform...or two uniforms, whatever it takes. I feel sorry for opposing centers and our centers in practice"...**Dallas:** Cowboys view selection of No. 1 choice **DE Kevin Brooks** from Michigan as investment which will pay short and long-term dividends. Dallas's front line has three of four starters over age 30—**DE Ed Jones, DT Randy White** and **DT John Dutton. DE Jim Jeffcoat,** who also starts, was team's No. 1 pick in 1983. "Kevin Brooks will help us tremendously down the road," explains Head Coach **Tom Landry.** "He'll also help us in situations next year."... **Detroit:** No. 1 **T LOMAS BROWN,** 6-4 and 282 pounds, joins former Florida teammate **FB James Jones,** who was Lions' No. 1 in 1983. Brown will be given opportunity to win either LT or LG positions currently held by **Rich Strenger** and **Chris Dieterich,** respectively...**Green Bay:** Head Coach **Forrest Gregg,** a Pro Football Hall of Fame guard-tackle, selected an offensive lineman with the Packers' No. 1 choice. **T Ken Ruettgers** (6-5, 265) from Southern California is ticketed to challenge at either starting T position. He also made a point of asking for Gregg's playing uniform number (No. 75) instead of his Southern Cal number (No. 77) Gregg replied: "If you want it, you can have it!"

NFC

Los Angeles Rams: S Jerry Gray was consensus All-America pick as junior and senior at Texas. Gray will add insurance for the healthy return of **S Nolan Cromwell** (knee; missed final 3 games of 1984), while getting a chance at right CB opposite three time Pro Bowler **Gary Green.** Rams used No. 1 choice in 1980 to pick starting **S Johnnie Johnson,** also from Texas...**Minnesota:** Head Coach **Bud Grant** prefaced his remarks on No. 1 choice **LB Chris Doleman** (6-4, 250) from Pittsburgh by stating: "Before you can do anything on offense you have to stop people. Defense is where we need the most help." Doleman liked the idea of joining the Vikings. "I want to play for them. I'm impressed with Coach Grant, and they have a great reputation for developing defensive players." **New Orleans:** First round selection **Alvin Toles** (6-0, 211) from Tennessee will be asked to put on 10 to 15 pounds before challenging for an outside LB position. Toles started at fullback for Tennessee before being converted to defense as a junior...**NEW YORK GIANTS:** No. 1 pick **RB George Adams** (6-1, 225) from Kentucky got off to a good start with his new team. "I've fantasized about playing for the Giants," said Adams. Head Coach **Bill Parcells** is also dreaming of what Adams might mean to his team. "One of the things we wanted to do was increase our point potential. We wanted to get more striking power. We know to win in the NFC Eastern Division we have to score more points than we have. Our yardage was significant (330.3 yards per game) last year, but we just didn't score enough points (16.7 points per game)," explains Parcells. "Adams is a lunchpail guy. He reminds me of **James Wilder** of Tampa Bay, and you know how highly I regard Wilder."

NFC

Philadelphia: Eagles were delighted to strengthen offensive line with No. 1 selection **Kevin Allen** (6-6, 275) from Indiana. Allen is the first No. 1 choice used by Philadelphia for an offensive lineman since **Jerry Sisemore** in 1973. Allen's head coach at Indiana in 1983 was current Cincinnati head man **Sam Wyche,** who brought in Atlanta veteran center **Jeff Van Note** to Nov. 10...**St. Louis:** With acquisition of **Freddie Joe Nunn** (6-4, 230) from Mississippi, Cardinals will be able to leave Pro Bowl **LB E.J. Junior** in middle of 4-3 alignment. "We know Nunn is going to create havoc as a pass rusher," said Head Coach **Jim Hanifan.** Nunn was named Defensive MVP in the Hula Bowl...**San Francisco:** 49ers opted for **WR Jerry Rice** (6-3, 200) from Mississippi Valley in the first round. "Jerry is in the mold of a **John Jefferson, Wes Chandler, James Lofton** type of receiver. He has sensational ability to make the tough catch," says Head Coach **Bill Walsh.**

Tampa Bay: Leeman Bennet used his first No. 1 choice as Buccaneers new head coach to take **DE Ron Holmes** (6-4, 255) from Washington. Holmes is a film addict and took the advice of an NFL scout by learning from watching films of Tampa Bay **DE Lee Roy Selmon.** "I did watch films of Lee Roy, and that scout was right. Lee Roy is the best," said Holmes. "That's one big reason I'm happy to be with the Bucs."...**Washington:** Without a first round draft pick for the 14th time in 17 years, Redskins drafted **CB Tory Nixon** with a second round pick obtained in a trade with Atlanta. "He's super smart, really an intelligent guy...really polished at cornerback," said Head Coach **Joe Gibbs.** Nixon is 5-11 and 172 pounds from San Diego State, which has produced such outstanding CBs as **Willie Buchanon, Joe Lavender, Nate Wright, Monte Jackson** and **Vernon Dean,** who is currently one of Redskins starting CBs.

1985 AFC DRAFT NOTES

Eastern Division: New England — Trevor Matich, the Patriots' No. 1 pick, is one of the oldest players ever selected by the club. He turns 24 in October. One reason for the age gap between Matich and the rest of the Patriots rookies is that he took a two-year leave of absence from Brigham Young after his sophomore season (1980) to do missionary work for the Morman Church in Mexico...**New York Jets**—To strengthen a receiving corps that was plagued by injuries last year, the Jets selected 4 WRs, including Wisconsin's **Al Toon** and San Jose State's **Doug Allen,** their 1st and 4th choices...**Buffalo**—Bills are counting on **DE Bruce Smith,** the No. 1 pick in the draft, to bolster club's pass rush which produced 2nd fewest sacks (25) in NFL last year. Smith terrorized opposing QBs in his senior year at Virginia Tech by delivering 16 sacks...**Indianapolis**—The Colts emphasized defense in the early part of the draft. They selected USC **LB Duane Bickett,** Purdue **DB Don Anderson,** Temple **DB Anthony Young** and Miami **DE Willie Broughton** in the first four rounds ...**Miami** The Dolphins tabbed Florida **RB Lorenzo Hampton** as their 1st pick and then took defensive players in the next three rounds—Iowa **DT George Little,** Northwestern **LB Alex Moyer** and Texas El-Paso **DB Mike Smith.**

AFC

Central Division: Pittsburgh—By using 8 of their 13 selections on defensive players this year, the Steelers took just the opposite approach of last year when 10 of their 12 choices were offensive players...**Cleveland**—To improve an offense that finished 12th in the AFC last year (301.8 yards per game avg.), the Browns used all of their 1985 picks on offensive players, including Florida State **RB Greg Allen,** their first choice...**Houston**—When Houston selected Texas A&M **DE Ray Childress** in the 1st round, it marked the first time since 1979 that the Oilers have made a defensive player their top choice...**Cincinnati**—After selecting fleet-footed Miami **WR Eddie Brown** in the 1st round, the Bengals sought defensive help by selecting 3 DBs, 2 LBs and a DT in the next 6 rounds.

AFC

Western Division: Seattle—Owen Gill, the Seahawks 1st choice, didn't start playing football—American style—until he was 16 years old. He was born in London, England, where is played soccer and rugby. When he and his family moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1979, Gill became an outstanding RB at Tilden High before going to the University of Iowa...**Los Angeles Raiders—WE Jessie Hester,** the Raiders' No. 1 choice, played at Florida State where his receiver coach was **John Eason**, who played TE for the Raiders in 1968...**San Diego**—To shore up their secondary, the Chargers selected 4 DBs in the first 6 rounds, including No. 2 pick **Wayne Davis** of Indiana State...**Denver**—The Broncos are impressed with the versatility of No. 1 pick **RB Steve Sewell** from Oklahoma. He averaged 5.8 years per carry (98 rushes for 577 yards) and 21.0 yards per reception (16 catches for 315 yards) during his senior season at Oklahoma...**Kansas City**—When Kansas City made **RB Ethan Horton** its No. 1 pick, it marked the 1st time since 1974 that the Chiefs have taken a RB in the 1st round. Chiefs hope that Horton will become the club's first 1,000-yard runner since the late Joe DeLaney rushed for 1,121 in 1981. With Kansas City RB **Theotis Brown** expected to miss this season because of a heart attack in February, Chiefs are counting on Horton to contribute immediately.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	OFFENSE								DEFENSE					
	QB	RB	WR	TE	C	G	T	TOT.	DE	DT	LB	DB	TOT.	K
Buffalo (14)	1	1	3	0	0	1	2	8	*1	1	2	*3	7	1
Cincinnati (16)	0	1	*1	2	0	0	3	7	1	1	*4	3	9	0
Cleveland (7)	0	1	3	1	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denver (12)	1	*1	2	1	0	2	0	7	1	1	1	2	5	0
Houston (14)	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	*3	1	3	*1	8	3
Indianapolis (10)	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	5	1	1	*1	2	5	0
Kansas City (12)	0	*3	1	1	2	2	0	9	1	0	0	2	3	0
L.A. Raiders (16)	1	2	*3	0	1	0	1	8	0	1	2	5	8	0
Miami (13)	0	*3	1	1	0	0	1	6	0	1	1	4	6	1
New England (10)	0	2	1	0	*1	0	1	5	2	1	0	2	5	0
New York Jets (14)	0	1	*4	0	0	1	0	6	1	1	2	4	8	0
Pittsburgh (13)	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	4	*1	0	3	4	8	1
San Diego (14)	1	1	0	1	0	*1	1	5	1	1	1	5	8	1
Seattle (12)	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	8	1	0	1	2	4	0
TOTALS (179)	5	18	24	11	8	9	13	88	14	10	21	39	84	7

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	OFFENSE								DEFENSE					SPEC
	QB	RB	WR	TE	C	G	T	TOT.	DE	DT	LB	DB	TOT.	K
Atlanta (10)	0	0	1	1	1	0	*1	4	1	0	2	3	6	0
Chicago (9)	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	*2	1	1	5	1
Dallas (15)	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	8	*3	0	4	0	7	0
Detroit (12)	0	2	1	0	1	2	*1	7	0	0	3	2	5	0
Green Bay (12)	1	1	1	1	0	2	*1	7	0	0	2	2	4	1
L.A. Rams (12)	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	7	0	0	2	*2	4	1
Minnesota (15)	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	7	0	2	*3	3	8	0
New Orleans (8)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	*2	3	6	0
New York Giants (13)	0	*2	2	1	1	1	0	7	0	1	1	4	6	0
Philadelphia (11)	1	1	0	0	1	1	*2	6	0	1	2	2	5	0
St. Louis (12)	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	9	0	0	*1	1	2	1
San Francisco (6)	1	1	*1	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	2	0
Tampa Bay (10)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	*1	0	2	3	6	1
Washington (12)	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	0	1	1	3	5	1
Totals (157)	6	19	16	8	6	14	11	80	8	8	26	29	71	6
28-Team Totals (336)	11	37	40	19	14	23	24	168	22	18	47	68	155	13

*Denotes first round choice by clubs (14 offensive, 14 defensive). Figures in parentheses denote team's total draft choices.

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1985 NFL DRAFT QUIZ

Q) Who was the first player selected in the NFL's inaugural draft in 1936 and which NFL team did he play for?

A) Jay Berwanger—selected by Philadelphia but never played professional football.

Q) The 1936 Draft produced four pro football Hall of Famers. Two members were selected by the same team. Can you name the four players and the team's they were selected by?

A)

Dan Fortmann	G	Colgate	Chicago's 9th Choice
Alphonse "Tuffy" Leemans.....	B	George Washington ..	New York's 2nd Choice
Wayne Millner	E	Notre Dame.....	Boston's 8th Choice
Joe Stydahar	T	West Virginia	Chicago's 1st Choice

Q) Which 1985 NFL Draft prospect is related to a former NFL great who scored the two TDs in Super Bowl I and is now an assistant coach with the Buffalo Bills?

A) Ron Pitts DB UCLA
Ron's father, Elijah, rushed for two TD's in Green Bay's 35-10 victory over Kansas City. Elijah is now the running back coach of the Buffalo Bills.

Q) The 1983 NFL Draft had six quarterbacks chosen in the first round. Can you name the quarterbacks and the teams in the order they were selected?

A)

John Elway	Baltimore
Todd Blackledge	Kansas City
Jim Kelly	Buffalo
Tony Eason	New England
Ken O'Brien	New York Jets
Dan Marino	Miami

Q) The 1968 Draft had the highest number of 1st round selections chosen from the same school. Can you name the University and the players?

A) University of Southern California

T	Ron Yary—Minnesota
T	Mike Taylor—Pittsburgh
LB	Tim Rossovich—Philadelphia
RB	Mike Hull—Chicago
WR	Earl McCullough—Detroit

Q) Which school had the most players selected in any single draft? Name the school, year of draft and the number of players selected?

A) University of Notre Dame—1946 NFL Draft—18

Q) The "Human Refrigerator" is the nickname given to which 1985 NFL Draft prospect?

A) William Perry DL Clemson

Q) Which collegiate conference had the most players selected in the 1984 selection meeting?

A) Southwest Athletic Conference—40

Q) Don Nottingham has long been a focus of draft lore. The 441st pick in the 1971 draft selected by the Baltimore Colts, Nottingham was long considered the most successful last player taken in any draft. But Nottingham was not the last pick in the 1971 draft. Who was the final selction?

A) Charles Hill, a wide receiver from Sam Houston State, was the 442nd and last draft choice of the 1971 draft, selected by the Oakland Raiders.

Q) What is the name of the trophy given to the last player selected in the draft?

A) The Lowsman Trophy.

Q) Twice fathers and sons have been first-round picks. Who were they?

A) Ed Budde was taken on the first round by Philadelphia in 1963; son Brad was the first pick of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1980. Dub Jones was the second player chosen in 1946 by the Cardinals while son Bert was picked by the Colts in the first round of the 1973 draft.

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Q) Before George Rogers was the first selection in the 1981 draft, only one other player from the University of South Carolina had ever been a first round selection. Who was he?

A) Safety Rick Sanford was the first round selection of the New England Patriots in 1979.

Q) Who was the first kicker ever chosen in the first round?

A) Charley Gogolak was the sixth pick of the 1966 draft, selected by the Washington Redskins.

Q) Before New England selected Irving Fryar to open the 1984 draft, who was the last wide receiver taken number one in a draft?

A) Dave Parks, San Francisco, 1964.

Q) Two NFL draft picks, chosen in 1973 and 1955 respectively, have gone on to prominent careers in other major sports. Can you name them?

A) Minnesota selected Dave Winfield in the 17th round of the 1973 draft while the Los Angeles Rams chose K.C. Jones in the 30th round of the 1955 draft. Winfield plays for the New York Yankees. Jones coaches the Boston Celtics.

1985 INTERCONFERENCE TRADES

Running back **Butch Woolfolk** from the New York Giants to Houston for the Oilers' third round choice in 1985 (4/21). New York selected defensive back **Tyrone Davis** (Clemson).

Houson's first choice in 1985 to Minnesota for the Vikings' first choice in 1985 (4/23). In a subsequent trade, Minnesota sent Houston's first round choice to Atlanta for the Falcons' first and third round choices in 1985 (4/30). (See NFC Trades).

Quarterback **Scott Brunner** from Denver to Green Bay for a draft choice (4/26).

Buffalo traded the 1985 first round choice it acquired from Cleveland and its own fourth round choice in 1986 to Green Bay for the Packers' first and second round choices in 1985. Buffalo selected defensive back **Derrick Burroughs** (Memphis State) and wide receiver **Chris Burkett** (Jackson State). Green Bay selected tackle **Ken Ruettgers** (Southern California). (4/30).

San Francisco's first, second and third round choices in 1985 to New England for the Patriots' first and third round choices in 1985. San Francisco selected wide receiver **Jerry Rice** (Mississippi Valley) and running back **Ricky Moore** (Alabama). New England selected center **Trevor Matich** (Brigham Young), defensive end **Ben Thomas** (Auburn) and defensive back **Audrey McMillian** (Houston). (4/30).

Houston's second round choice in 1985 to Denver for Tampa Bay's second round choice in 1985 which was acquired previously by Denver and the Bronco's fifth round choice in 1985. Denver selected wide receiver **Vance Johnson** (Arizona). Houston selected defensive end **Richard Byrd** (Southern Mississippi) and kicker **Lee Johnson** (Brigham Young). (4/30).

Kansas City traded the Los Angeles Rams' fifth round choice in 1985 which it had acquired and its own sixth round draft choice in 1985 to Houston for defensive end **Bob Hamm** and a draft choice. Houston selected linebacker **Frank Bush** (North Carolina State) and linebacker **Joe Krakoski** (Washington). (4/30).

Quarterback **Joe Ferguson** from Buffalo to Detroit for a draft choice. (4/30).

Quarterback **Gary Danielson** from Detroit to Cleveland for a draft choice (5/1).

1985 AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE TRADES

Quarterback **Mark Herrmann** from Indianapolis to San Diego for a draft choice (4/10).

Cleveland's first and third round choices in 1985 to Buffalo for the Bills' first round choice in the 1985 Supplementary Draft (4/24). In a subsequent trade, Buffalo sent Cleveland's first round choice to Green Bay in exchange for the Packers' first round choice (See Interconference Trades).

Linebacker **Charles Jackson** from Kansas City to the New York Jets for the Jets' seventh round choice in 1985 (4/25). Kansas City sent the Jets' seventh round choice to Dallas to complete a prior transaction.

Center **Jon Borchardt** from Buffalo to Seattle for a draft choice (4/26).

1985 NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE TRADES

Running back **George Rogers** and New Orleans's fifth, 10th, and 11th round choices in 1985 to Washington for the Redskins' first round choice in 1985. New Orleans selected linebacker **Alvin Toles** (Tennessee) (4/26). Washington selected running back **Raphel Cherry** (Hawaii), running back **Terry Orr** (Texas) and guard **Raleigh McKenzie** (Tennessee). (4/30).

Minnesota's first round choice in 1985 to Atlanta for the Falcons' first and third round choices in 1985. Atlanta selected tackle **Bill Fralic** (Pittsburgh). Minnesota selected linebacker **Chris Doleman** (Pittsburgh) and linebacker **Tim Meamber** (Washington). (4/30).

Washington's second round choice in 1985, first round choice in 1986 and running back **Joe Washington** to Atlanta for the Falcons' second round choice in 1985 and their second and sixth round choices in 1986. Washington selected defensive back **Tory Nixon** (San Diego State). (4/30). Atlanta traded Washington's second round choice to St. Louis (See following trade).

St. Louis's second round choice in 1985 to Atlanta for Washington's second round choice owned by Atlanta and the Falcons' fifth round choice in 1985. Atlanta selected defensive end **Mike Gann** (Notre Dame). St. Louis selected **Scott Bergold** (Wisconsin) and tight end **K.D. Dunn** (Clemson). (4/30).

ATLANTA Falcons

The Falcons just didn't do the job last year, either offensively or defensively, and Head Coach Dan Henning knows it.

"It's no secret," said Henning, "we've got to find some people who can perform at a higher level than we performed a year ago."

The Falcons did have a lot of injuries, but the play of Gerald Riggs was as good as nearly any back in the League, and all teams are bothered by those types of things.

"You can't make injuries an excuse," admitted Henning. "Everybody has them. You just hope the people you have behind your top line players can step in and contribute."

The most glaring deficiency on offense was aerial scoring. In the first four games. Steve Bartkowski threw nine touchdown passes. The Falcons only managed five TD lobs the next 12 games. Ranked eighth in offense in the League in 1983, the Birds slipped to 18th in '84. Atlanta yielded an NFL high of 67 sacks and third-down efficiency fell from 51 percent to 35 percent. Interceptions nearly doubled and touchdowns tumbled from 46 to 31.

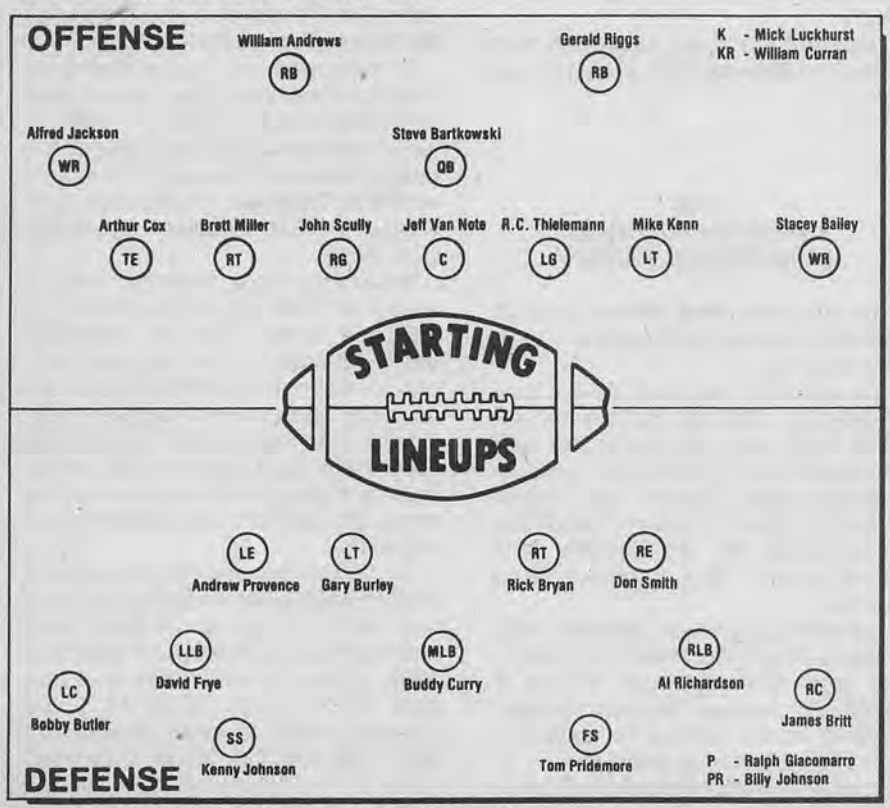
Penalties also plagued the Falcons. Their 125 infractions were second only to Detroit among NFC clubs.

Defensively, the team made strides, allowing 35 fewer yards per game than in '83. One reason was the play of rookie Rick Bryan, who led the team in individual tackles and had the distinction of seeing his very first NFL tackle result in a safety when he nailed the New Orleans Saints' Richard Todd in the end zone.

"We showed some improvement on defense," analyzed Henning, "but we need to keep getting better. We've got to make more big plays."

Atlanta's offense, meanwhile, needs some healthy bodies. Steve Bartkowski must get his brittle bones back in order while Billy "White Shoes" Johnson and William Andrews also are needed to enhance the attack. The offensive line, too, needs a clean bill of health. Jeff Van Note and R. C. Thieleman played with broken hands while Brett Miller suffered with a fractured wrist. Mike Kenn missed two games with a calf strain as only John Scully avoided the injury jinx.

Atlanta isn't nearly as bad as it looked--or played--during last year's nine-game losing streak, but the Falcons aren't exactly contenders, either. A .500 record would be an accomplishment.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	FALCONS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	301	317
NET RUSH	1994	2153
Avg. Per Game	124.6	134.6
NET PASS	3050	3126
Att./Comp.	478/294	443/262
Had Int.	19	12
Avg. Per Game	190.6	195.4
PUNTS/AVG.	70/40.8	60/41.6
Punt Returns/Yds.	41/264	42/456
Avg. Per Return	6.4	10.9
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	70/1366	45/1048
Avg. Per Return	19.5	23.3
FUMBLES/LOST	39/21	36/20
FIELD GOALS	20/27	16/29
PATS	31/31	46/48
TOTAL POINTS	281	382

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Bartkowski	269/181	10	2158	11
Moroski	191/102	8	1207	2
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Bailey	67	1138	17.0	6
A. Jackson	52	731	14.1	2
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
K. Johnson	5	75	15.0	0
Butler	2	25	12.5	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Riggs	353	1486	4.2	13
Cain	77	276	3.6	3
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Giacomarro	68	2855	42.0	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Luckhurst	0	31/31	20/27	91
Riggs	13	0/0	0/0	78

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	21-24	20-24
Combined Spread Record	20-25	23-20-1
Favorite Spread Record	15-21	4-9
Underdog Spread Record	5-4	19-11-1

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at New Orleans	(+4½)	W*	40-34
	10	at Philadelphia	(+5)	W	14-10
	16	Denver	(+2½)	L*	17-20
	23	at Detroit	(−3½)	L	23-24
	30	Washington	(−3)	L	7-16
O.	7	Green Bay	(−6)	W	25-7
	14	at Oakland	(+6)	L	19-50
	21	at San Francisco	(−4)	L	15-20
	29	Seattle	(−1)	L	28-31
N.	4	Tampa Bay	(−1)	W	17-14
	11	at N.Y. Giants	(+3)	L	3-24
	19	at L.A. (Mon.)	(+8)	W	14-20
	25	New Orleans	(+3)	L	6-37
D.	2	at San Diego	(+14)	W	28-26
	9	Los Angeles	(+3)	L	13-34
	16	San Francisco	(−4½)	W	31-21

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	0-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-3	4-2



A healthy Billy "White Shoes" Johnson could put Falcons in the black.

Austin's Edges

- **The Falcons boast a 24-14 record as a home underdog in the past 16 years.**
- **Atlanta is a pathetic 3-12 as à home favorite versus the AFC since 1969.**
- **The Falcons are only 12-23 as away favorites in the past 16 years.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Detroit
	15	at	San Francisco
	22		Denver
	29	at	L.A. Rams
O.	6		San Francisco
	13	at	Seattle
	20		New Orleans
	27	at	Dallas
N.	3		Washington
	10	at	Philadelphia
	17		L.A. Rams
	24	at	Chicago
D.	1		L.A. Raiders
	8	at	Kansas City
	15		Minnesota
	22	at	New Orleans

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at New Orleans	(+6)	W	36-28
	9	Detroit (OT)	(−3)	L	24-27
	16	at Minnesota	(−2½)	L	20-27
	23	Houston	(−8½)	W	42-10
	30	at San Fran.	(+5½)	L	5-14
O.	7	at L.A. Rams	(+3)	W	30-28
	14	N.Y. Giants	(−5)	L	7-19
	22	Rams (Mon.)	(−1)	L	10-24
	28	at Pittsburgh	(+3)	L	10-35
N.	5	at Wash. (Mon.)	(+11½)	L	14-27
	11	New Orleans	(−1)	L	13-17
	18	Cleveland	(−3½)	L	7-23
	25	at Cincinnati	(+6½)	L	14-35
D.	2	San Francisco	(+13½)	L	17-35
	9	at Tampa Bay	(+7½)	L	6-23
	16	Philadelphia	(+3½)	W	26-10

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	2-6
Combined Spread Record	2-6	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	1-5	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	2-5

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at Chicago	(+1½)	W	20-17
	11	N.Y. Giants (OT)	(−3)	L	13-16
	18	at Detroit	(+3)	W	30-14
	25	at San Francisco	(+4)	P	20-24
O.	2	Philadelphia	(−3½)	L	24-28
	9	New Orleans	(−2)	L	17-19
	16	at L.A. Rams	(+3½)	L	21-27
	23	at N.Y. Jets	(+3½)	W	27-21
	30	New England	(−3)	W	24-13
N.	6	at New Orleans	(+1)	L	10-27
	14	Rams (Mon.)	(−1½)	L	13-36
	20	San Francisco	(+3½)	W	28-23
	27	G. Bay (OT)	(−2)	W	47-41
D.	4	at Washington	(+9½)	L	21-37
	10	at Miami (Sat.)	(+8½)	W	24-31
	18	Buffalo	(−2½)	W	31-14

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-3-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	4-3-1

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at Minnesota	(+4)	W	23-24
	14	at New England	(+8)	W	37-21
	21	Miami	(−3)	L	17-20
	28	at San Francisco	(+3)	W	20-17
O.	5	Detroit	(+2)	W	43-28
	12	N.Y. Jets	(−7)	L	7-14
	19	at New Orleans	(−3)	W	41-14
	26	Los Angeles	(+4)	W	13-10
N.	2	at Buffalo	(+4)	W	30-14
	9	at St. Louis	(−2)	W*	33-27
	16	New Orleans	(−12½)	W	31-13
	23	Chicago	(−6)	W	28-17
	30	Washington	(−10)	L	10-6
D.	7	at Philadelphia	(+6)	W	20-17
	14	San Francisco	(−9)	W	35-10
	21	at Los Angeles	(+3½)	W*	17-20

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	6-2
Combined Spread Record	5-3	8-0
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	2-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	6-0

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	New Orleans	(−9)	W	27-0
	13	at Green Bay	(−4½)	W	31-17
	20	San Francisco	(−8½)	W	34-17
	27	at Cleveland	(−2)	L	17-28
O.	5	at Phila. (Mon.)	(+2)	L	13-16
	11	Los Angeles	(−3½)	L	35-37
	18	St. Louis	(−8½)	W	41-20
	25	N.Y. Giants	(−8½)	L*	24-27
N.	1	at New Orleans	(−6½)	W	41-10
	8	at San Francisco	(−2½)	L	14-17
	15	Pittsburgh	(−5)	L	20-34
	23	Minn. (Mon.)	(−5½)	L	31-30
	29	at Houston	(−4½)	L	31-27
D.	6	at Tampa Bay	(−2)	L	23-24
	14	at L.A. (Mon.)	(−4)	L	16-21
	20	Cincinnati	(+3)	W	28-30

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-4	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	2-5
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	0-1

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at N.Y. Giants	(+1½)	W	16-14
	19	L.A. Raiders	(−2½)	L	14-38
	23	at Kan. City (Th.)			
O.	3	San Diego			
	10	at Los Angeles			
	17	at Detroit			
	24	San Francisco	STRIKE		
	31	at New Orleans			
N.	7	at Chicago			
	15	Phila. (Mon.)			
	21	L.A. Rams	(−3)	W	34-17
	28	St. Louis	(−6½)	L	20-23
D.	5	at Denver	(+4)	W	34-27
	12	New Orleans	(+4)	W	35-0
	19	at San Francisco	(+4)	W	17-7
	26	Green Bay	(−4)	L	7-38
J.	2	at New Orleans	(−6)	L	6-35

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-3	3-1
Combined Spread Record	2-3	3-1
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	3-0

BUFFALO Bills

Somehow, to the surprise of most observors, Kay Stephenson wriggled a reprieve out of owner Ralph Wilson and will get the opportunity to improve on last year's disastrous 2-14 campaign in Buffalo. Haivng hit rock bottom, things almost have to get better.

"We suffered last season but we stayed together and learned from the experience," said Stephenson. "We emerged from 1984 wiser, tougher and more determined than ever to restore a winning personality to the Buffalo Bills."

While player personnel changes were minimal, the offseason brought in eight new assistant coaches, including defensive coordinator Hank Bullough and offensive coordinator Jim Ringo. Buffalo needs improvement in both areas, having finished 27th in the NFL in total offense and 23rd in total defense last year.

The offense was hurt by poor play at quarterback as Joe Ferguson floundered, eventually surrendering the starting job to Joe Dufek. The Bills are waiting for a USFL collapse so they can scoop up the Houston Gamblers' Jim Kelly, who is their property.

Greg Bell emerged as the best rookie running back in the League, but he got little help from an overweight Speedy Neal and Booker Moore.

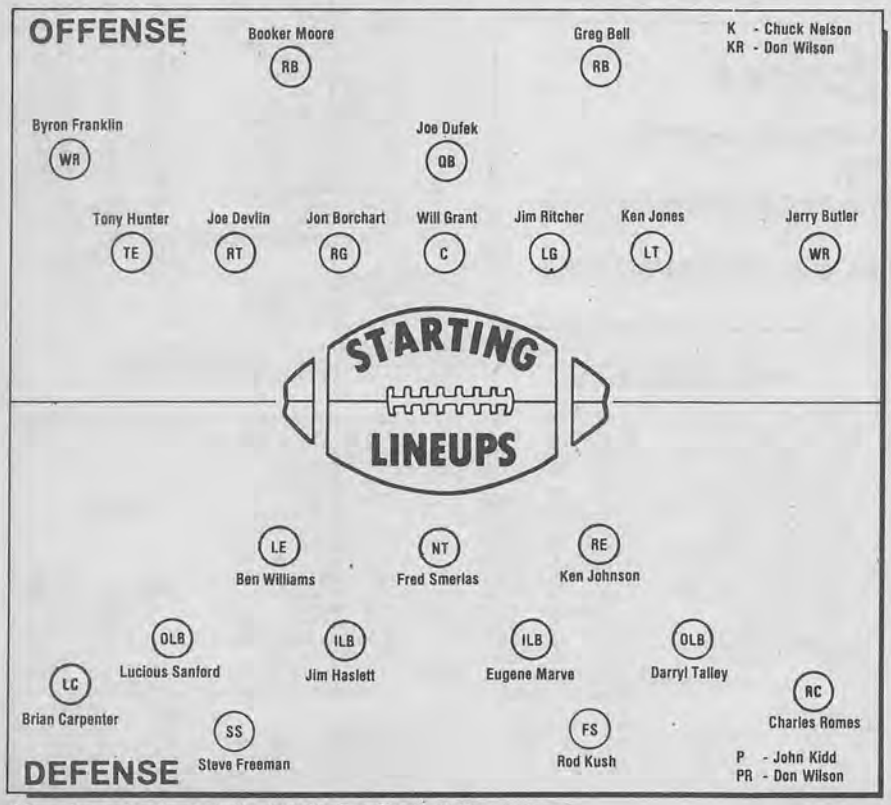
The receiving crew lost a couple of starters when Frank Lewis retired and Jerry Butler was injured, but Byron Franklin came on to enjoy a spectacular year and Tony Hunter proved he could do the job at tight end. Preston Dennard filled in for Butler, catching 30 passes, seven of them for touchdowns.

Ringo, who developed the famed "Electric Company" at Buffalo in 1973 and then helped New England establish the current NFL standard for rushing yardage five years later, will work closely with an offensive line that permitted 60 sacks last year and was whistled for 35 holding penalties.

Defensively, the Bills will look to the draft's top selection, Outland Trophy winner Bruce Smith, to improve a pass rush that netted only 26 quarterback sacks in 1984.

A healthy Lucious Sanford will solidify a competent linebacking crew led by top tackler Eugene Marve, but it's the secondary, where only cornerback Charles Romes played in all 16 games, that most needs a clean bill of health.

Ex-Giant Joe Danelo and ex-Ram Chuck Nelson were mediocre kicking last year but punter John Kidd, a rookie, had a decent season.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	BILLS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	263	345
NET RUSH	1643	2106
Avg. Per Game	102.7	131.6
NET PASS	2698	3476
Att./Comp.	588/298	495/300
Had Int.	30	16
Avg. Per Game	168.6	217.3
PUNTS/AVG.	90/41.1	32/39.1
Punt Returns/Yds.	33/297	52/597
Avg. Per Return	9.0	11.5
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	76/1422	44/958
Avg. Per Return	18.7	21.8
FUMBLES/LOST	31/14	36/21
FIELD GOALS	11/21	20/28
PATS	31/31	56/56
TOTAL POINTS	250	454

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Ferguson	344/191	17	1991	12
Dufek	150/74	8	829	4
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Franklin	69	862	12.5	4
Bell	34	277	8.2	1
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Romes	5	130	26.0	0
Freeman	3	45	15.0	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Bell	262	1100	4.2	7
Neal	49	175	3.6	1
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Kidd	88	3696	42.0	2
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Bell	8	0/0	0/0	48
Dennard	7	0/0	0/0	42

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

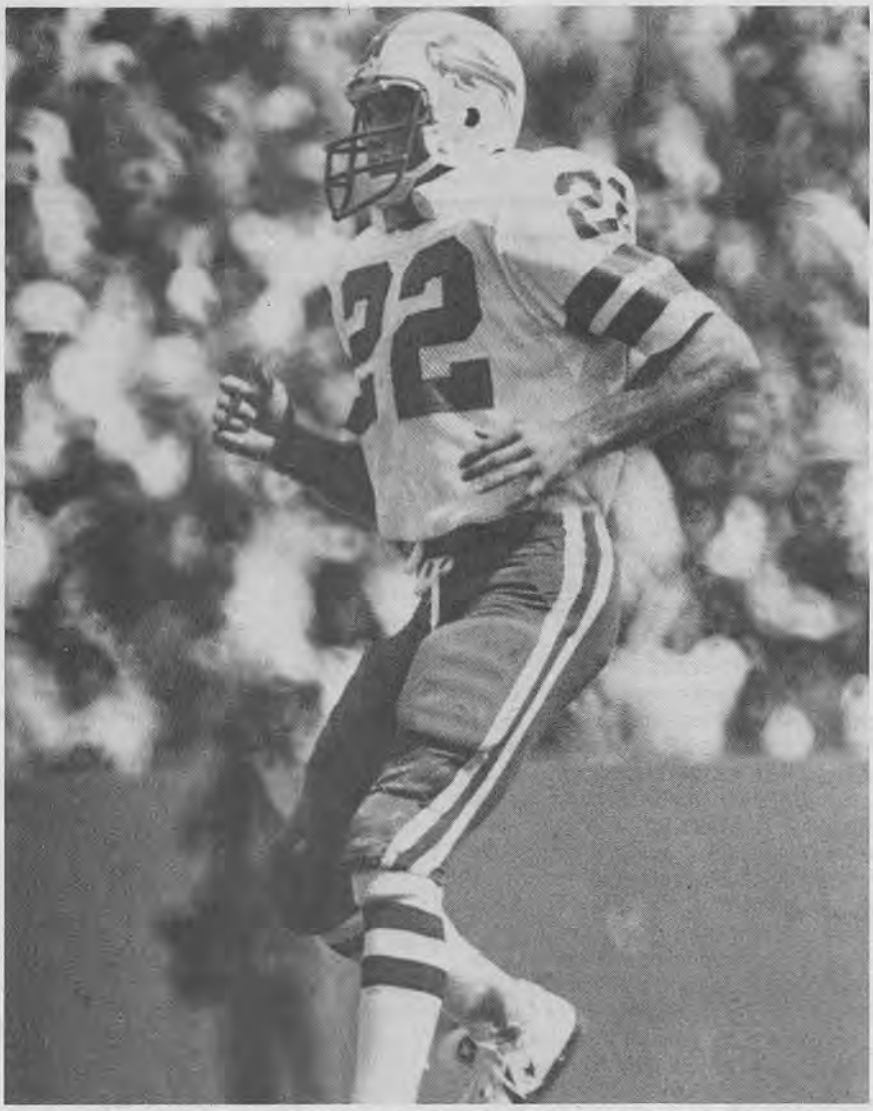
	Home	Away
Actual Record	25-20	17-27
Combined Spread Record	22-22-1	20-24
Favorite Spread Record	13-14	6-7
Underdog Spread Record	9-8-1	14-17

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Miami	(+5½)	W	7-9
	9	Cincinati	(+2½)	W	51-24
	16	at San Diego	(+9)	W	19-27
	22	N.Y. Jets	(−3)	W	46-31
	30	at Baltimore	(+2½)	W	31-13
O.	7	Chicago	(−6)	L	0-7
	14	at Miami	(+7)	L	7-17
	21	Baltimore	(−6½)	L	13-14
	28	at Detroit	(−1)	W	20-17
N.	4	New England	(+6)	L	6-26
	11	at N.Y. Jets	(+6½)	W	14-12
	18	Green Bay	(−6)	W	19-12
	25	at New England	(+9½)	W*	16-13
D.	2	Denver	(+2½)	L	16-19
	9	at Minnesota	(+2)	L	3-10
	16	at Pittsburgh	(+12½)	L	0-28

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	4-4
Combined Spread Record	4-4	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-2	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-2	4-3



Steve Freeman had his consecutive game streak stopped at 147 in 1984.

Feist's Factors

- **The Bills are a losing proposition at home vs the Colts, sporting a sub par 5-10 record vs the points.**
- **Buffalo enjoys dog days against Jets, standing 9-0 ATS as dog since '73.**
- **The Bills are 11-17 vs the spread as road favorites the last 16 years.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		San Diego
	15	at	N.Y. Jets
	22		New England
	29		Minnesota
O.	6	at	Indianapolis
	13	at	New England
	20		Indianapolis
	27	at	Philadelphia
N.	3		Cincinnati
	10		Houston
	17	at	Cleveland
	24		Miami
D.	1	at	San Diego
	8		N.Y. Jets
	15	at	Pittsburgh
	22	at	Miami

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	New England	(+3½)	L	17-21
	9	at St. Louis	(+7)	L	7-37
	17	Miami (Mon.)	(+8½)	W	17-21
	23	N.Y. Jets	(+2)	P	26-28
	30	at Indianapolis	(+3)	L	17-31
O.	7	Philadelphia	(−1)	L	17-27
	14	at Seattle	(+10½)	W	28-31
	21	Denver	(+3)	L	7-37
	28	at Miami	(+18)	L	7-38
N.	4	Cleveland	(+2½)	L	10-13
	11	at New England	(+13½)	L	10-38
	18	Dallas	(+10)	W	14-3
	25	at Washington	(+14½)	L	14-41
D.	2	Indianapolis	(−3)	W	21-15
	8	at N.Y. Jets	(+6)	W	17-21
	16	at Cincinnati	(+13½)	L	21-52

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	0-8
Combined Spread Record	3-4-1	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	1-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-3-1	2-6

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Miami	(+4½)	L	0-12
	11	at Cincinnati	(+6½)	W	10-6
	18	Baltimore	(−6)	L	28-23
	25	Houston	(−7)	W	30-13
O.	3	N.Y.J. (Mon.)	(PK)	L	10-34
	9	at Miami (OT)	(+6)	W	38-35
	16	at Baltimore	(PK)	W	30-7
	23	New England	(−4)	L	0-31
	30	New Orleans	(−2½)	W	27-21
N.	6	at New England	(+1)	L	7-21
	13	at N.Y. Jets	(+3½)	W	24-17
	20	L.A. Raiders	(+2½)	L	24-27
	27	at L.A. Rams	(+4)	L	17-41
D.	4	at Kansas City	(+2)	W	14-9
	11	San Francisco	(+2½)	L	10-23
D	18	at Atlanta	(+2½)	L	14-31

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	5-3
Combined Spread Record	2-6	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-3	4-3

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Miami	(+2)	W	17-7
	14	N.Y. Jets	(−2)	W	20-10
	21	at New Orleans	(+1)	W	35-26
	28	Oakland	(−2½)	W	24-7
O.	5	at San Diego	(+7)	W	26-24
	12	Baltimore	(−2½)	L	12-17
	19	at Miami	(−3)	L	14-17
	26	New England	(+2)	W	31-13
N.	2	Atlanta	(−4)	L	14-30
	9	at N.Y. Jets	(−3½)	W	31-24
	16	at Cincinnati	(−2½)	W	14-0
	23	Pittsburgh	(+2½)	W	28-13
	30	at Baltimore	(−3)	L	24-28
D.	7	Los Angeles	(+1)	W*	10-7
	14	at New England	(+3½)	L	2-24
	21	at San Francisco	(−6)	L	18-13

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	6-2	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	2-2	2-3
Underdog Spread Record	4-0	2-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	N.Y. Jets	(−4)	W	31-0
	13	at Baltimore	(−2½)	W	35-3
	17	Philadelphia	(−4)	L	14-20
	27	at Cincinnati	(−3½)	L*	24-27
O.	4	Baltimore	(−7)	L	23-17
	12	Miami (Mon.)	(−4)	W	31-21
	18	at N.Y. Jets	(−3)	L	14-33
	25	Denver	(−5½)	L	9-7
N.	1	Cleveland	(−4)	W	22-13
	9	at Dallas (Mon.)	(+4)	L	14-27
	15	at St. Louis	(−5½)	L	0-24
	22	New England	(−7)	L	20-17
	29	Washington	(−5)	W	21-14
D.	6	at San Diego	(+5)	W	28-27
	13	at New England	(−4)	W	19-10
	10	at Miami	(+3)	L	6-16

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-4	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	4-4	2-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-2

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	Kansas City	(−3½)	W	14-9
	16	Minn. (Thurs.)	(−3½)	L	23-22
	26	at Houston			
O.	3	New England			
	10	at Baltimore			
	18	at N.Y.J. (Mon.)			
	24	Detroit	STRIKE		
	31	at Denver			
N.	7	N.Y.Jets			
	14	at New England			
	21	Miami	(−1)	L	7-9
	28	Baltimore	(−13)	W	20-0
D.	5	Green Bay (Mil)	(+2½)	L	21-33
	12	Pittsburgh	(−1)	W	13-0
	19	at Tampa Bay	(+1½)	W	23-24
	27	at Miami	(+3)	L	10-27
J.	2	at New Eng.	(−3½)	L	19-30

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-1	0-4
Combined Spread Record	3-2	1-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-2	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	1-2

CHICAGO Bears

Mike Ditka is a tough man to please.

"I think a 10-6 record is acceptable when you win your division, but it's not what I had in mind when the season started," explained the Hall of Fame tight end. "We did not accomplish the goal that we had set during training camp--and that was to get to the Super Bowl and become World Champions."

There's always this year, Mike. Chicago should have a run at it, too. The attack, which led the NFL in rushing, figures to improve with a blossoming offensive line, and the passing attack, which suffered when Jim McMahon was forced to the sidelines with an injury, should be rehabilitated along with the former BYU signal-caller. Steve Fuller did a creditable job in McMahon's place, but Chicago's attack tends to tighten up with Fuller simply because Fuller lacks McMahon's range of talents.

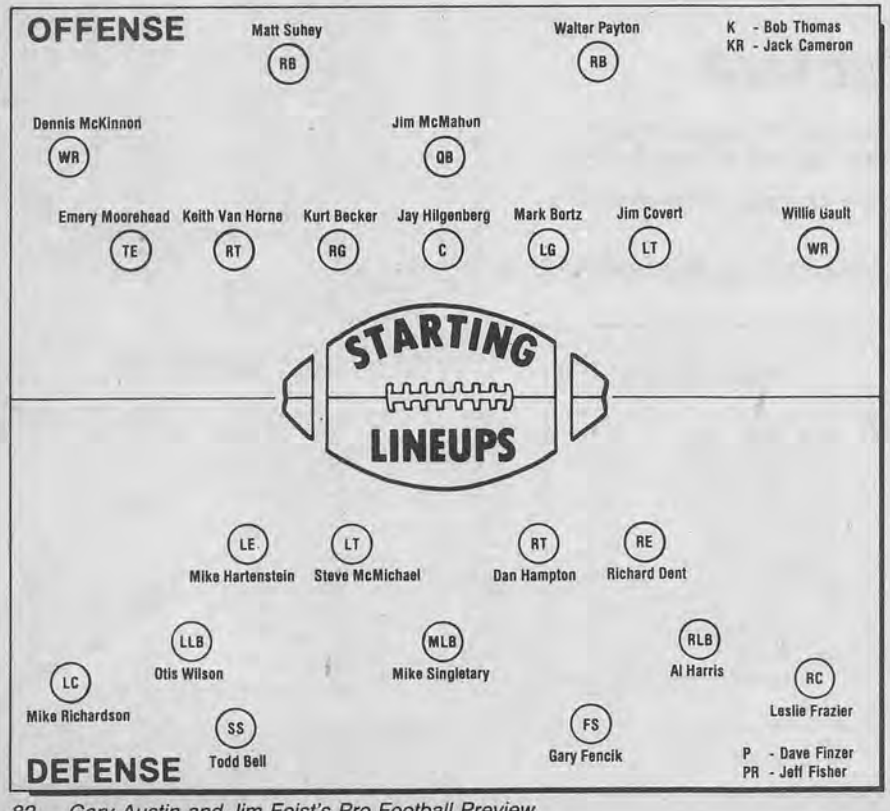
Walter Payton shows no signs of slowing down--he's 31--and Matt Suhey remains the prototype fullback, big, strong and reliable, with a twist--he can catch passes, too. Calvin Thomas and Dennis Gentry are there for relief.

Even though Payton and Suhey ranked one-two in receptions (partly because the Chicago game plan became more conservative without McMahon), the Bears have fine receivers. Willie Gault has the awesome speed (if he's even, he's leavin') to drive cornerbacks to early retirement while Dennis McKinnon is the possession type receiver on the other side that all clubs need. Emery Moorehead is more than adequate at tight end.

Buddy Ryan's defense drew praise last year for its complexities, as well as its on-field reign of terror. The Bears led the NFL in sacks with 72 as Richard Dent dented quarterbacks for 17½ of them himself.

Mike Singletary led an exemplary linebacking crew while Gary Fencik and Todd Bell played well at safety. The cornerbacks weren't as fortunate with Leslie Frazier forced out of five games with a foot injury and Mike Richardson having to play with a broken wrist. Their complete recovery would galvanize an already highly cohesive and leak-proof unit.

The Bears will be favored to repeat their NFC Central triumph but Ditka will have to devise a way for Chicago to get past San Francisco if the team is to go any farther than it did last year.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	BEARS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	297	216
NET RUSH	2974	1377
Avg. Per Game	185.9	86.1
NET PASS	2463	2486
Att./Comp.	390/226	435/197
Had Int.	15	21
Avg. Per Game	153.9	155.4
PUNTS/AVG.	85/39.2	100/41.3
Punt Returns/Yds.	64/558	41/249
Avg. Per Return	8.7	6.1
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	49/898	68/1443
Avg. Per Return	18.3	21.2
FUMBLES/LOST	31/16	33/13
FIELD GOALS	22/28	16/21
PATS	35/37	26/29
TOTAL POINTS	325	248

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
McMahon	85/143	2	1146	8
Fuller	53/78	0	595	3
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Payton	45	368	8.2	0
Suhey	41	309	7.5	2
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Fencik	5	102	20.4	0
Frazier	5	89	17.8	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Payton	381	1684	4.4	11
Suhey	124	424	3.4	4
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Finzer	83	3328	40.1	2
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Thomas	0	35/37	22/28	101
Payton	11	0/0	0/0	66

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	28-16	16-29
Combined Spread Record	24-19	19-24-2
Favorite Spread Record	18-13	3-6
Underdog Spread Record	6-6	16-18-2

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Green Bay	(−3½)	L	6-3
	9	Minnesota	(−5)	W	26-7
	16	at Dallas	(+9½)	W	20-24
	23	at Miami	(+6½)	L	16-31
	30	Tampa Bay	(−1½)	L	13-17
O.	7	at Buffalo	(+6)	W	7-0
	14	New England	(+3½)	L	7-27
	21	at Minnesota	(+2)	L	27-30
	28	at San Francisco	(−2)	L	28-27
N.	4	Detroit	(−6½)	W	35-7
	11	Los Angeles	(−2)	W	27-23
	18	N.Y. Jets	(−3)	W	23-13
	22	at Detroit	(+3½)	L	0-20
D.	2	at Tampa Bay	(+3½)	W	14-0
	9	at Green Bay	(−3½)	L	15-14
	16	St. Louis	(−5)	W	42-6

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	4-4
Combined Spread Record	5-3	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	5-2	0-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	3-2



Second in rushing and receiving, Bear foes found it tough to chop Suhey.

Austin's Edges

- **The Bears are a reliable 18-11 as a home underdog when playing non-division teams, since 1969.**
- **Chicago has a 3-7 mark vs the Falcons and the points over the last 16 years.**
- **The Bears are only 3-8 ATS vs San Francisco, since '69.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Tampa Bay
	15		New England
	19	at	Minnesota (Thurs.)
	29		Washington
O.	6	at	Tampa Bay
	13	at	San Francisco
	21		Green Bay (Mon.)
	27		Minnesota
N.	3	at	Green Bay
	10		Detroit
	17	at	Dallas
	24		Atlanta
D.	2	at	Miami (Mon.)
	8		Indianapolis
	14	at	N.Y. Jets (Sat.)
	22	at	Detroit

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	Tampa Bay	(−6)	W	34-14
	9	Denver	(−5½)	W	27-0
	16	at Green Bay	(+1)	W	9-7
	23	at Seattle	(+3½)	L	9-38
	30	Dallas	(+2)	L	14-23
O.	7	New Orleans	(−2½)	W	20-7
	14	at St. Louis	(+3)	L	21-38
	21	at Tampa Bay	(+1)	W	44-9
	28	Minnesota	(−7)	W	16-7
N.	4	L.A. Raiders	(+2)	W	17-6
	11	at L.A. Rams	(+3½)	L	13-29
	18	Detroit	(−7)	L	16-14
	25	at Minnesota	(−3½)	W	34-3
D.	3	at San Diego (Mon.)	(−2½)	L	7-20
	9	Green Bay	(PK)	L	14-20
	16	at Detroit	(PK)	W	30-13

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	4-4
Combined Spread Record	5-3	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	2-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	2-3

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Atlanta	(−1½)	L	17-20
	11	Tampa Bay	(−3)	W	17-10
	18	at N. Orleans (OT)	(+3)	P	31-34
	25	at Baltimore (OT)	(−2)	L	19-22
O.	2	Denver	(−2)	W	31-14
	9	Minnesota	(−2)	L	14-23
	16	at Detroit	(+3)	L	17-31
	23	at Philadelphia	(+4½)	W	7-6
	30	Detroit	(−2½)	L	17-38
N.	6	at L.A. Rams	(+7)	P	14-21
	13	Philadelphia	(−1)	W	17-14
	20	at Tampa Bay	(+1)	W	27-0
	27	San Francisco	(+4½)	W	13-3
D.	4	at Green Bay	(+2½)	L	28-31
	11	at Minnesota	(+2)	W	19-13
	18	Green Bay	(−2½)	L	23-21

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-4	3-3-2
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	3-2-2

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at Green Bay	(−4)	L*	6-12
	14	New Orleans	(−3½)	W	22-3
	21	Minnesota	(−6)	L	14-34
	28	at Pittsburgh	(+13)	L	3-38
O.	6	Tampa Bay	(−1)	W	23-0
	12	at Minnesota	(+3)	L	7-13
	19	Detroit	(NL)		24-7
	26	at Philadephia	(+7½)	W	14-17
N.	3	at Cleveland	(+5½)	L	21-27
	9	Washington	(−3½)	W	35-21
	16	Houston	(+3½)	L	6-10
	23	at Atlanta	(+6)	L	17-28
	27	at Detroit	(+3½)	W*	23-17
D.	7	Green Bay	(−6)	W	61-7
	14	Cincinnati	(−6½)	L*	14-17
	20	at Tampa Bay	(PK)	W	14-13

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-3	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	2-4

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Green Bay	(−4)	L	9-16
	13	at San Francisco	(+1)	L	17-28
	20	Tampa Bay	(−3½)	W	28-17
	28	L.A. (Mon.)	(+1)	L	7-24
O.	4	at Minesota	(+5)	W	21-24
	11	Washington	(−1½)	L	7-24
	19	at Detroit (Mon.)	(+6)	L	17-48
	25	San Diego	(+9½)	W*	20-17
N.	1	at Tampa Bay	(+6)	L	10-20
	8	at Kansas City	(+8)	W*	16-13
	15	at Green Bay	(+3½)	L	17-21
	22	Detroit	(+2)	L	7-23
	26	at Dal. (Thanks.)	(+13½)	W	9-10
D.	6	Minnesota	(+3½)	W	10-9
	13	at Oakland	(+6½)	W	23-6
	20	Denver	(+3½)	W	35-24

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-
Favorite Spread Record	1-2	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	3-2	4-4

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at Detroit	(+5½)	L	10-17
	19	New Orleans	(−5½)	L	0-10
	26	at San Francisco			
O.	3	Minnesota			
	10	Green Bay			
	17	at St. Louis			STRIKE
	24	Tampa Bay			
	31	at Green Bay			
N.	7	Atlanta			
	14	at Tampa Bay			
	21	Detroit	(+3)	W	20-17
	28	at Minnesota	(+5½)	L	7-35
D.	5	New England	(PK)	W	26-13
	12	at Seattle	(+3½)	L	14-20
	19	St. Louis	(+1)	L	7-10
	26	at Los Angeles	(+3)	W	34-26
J.	2	at Tampa Bay	(+4½)	W	23-26

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-2	1-4
Combined Spread Record	2-2	2-3
Favorite Spread Record	1-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	2-3

BENGALS CINCINNATI Bengals

Last year was really like two for the Bengals: an opening half when they went 2-6 and a closing half when they were 6-2. The Bengals made a race of it in the AFC Central, but, in the end, weren't masters of their own fate and fell a game short of catching the Pittsburgh Steelers.

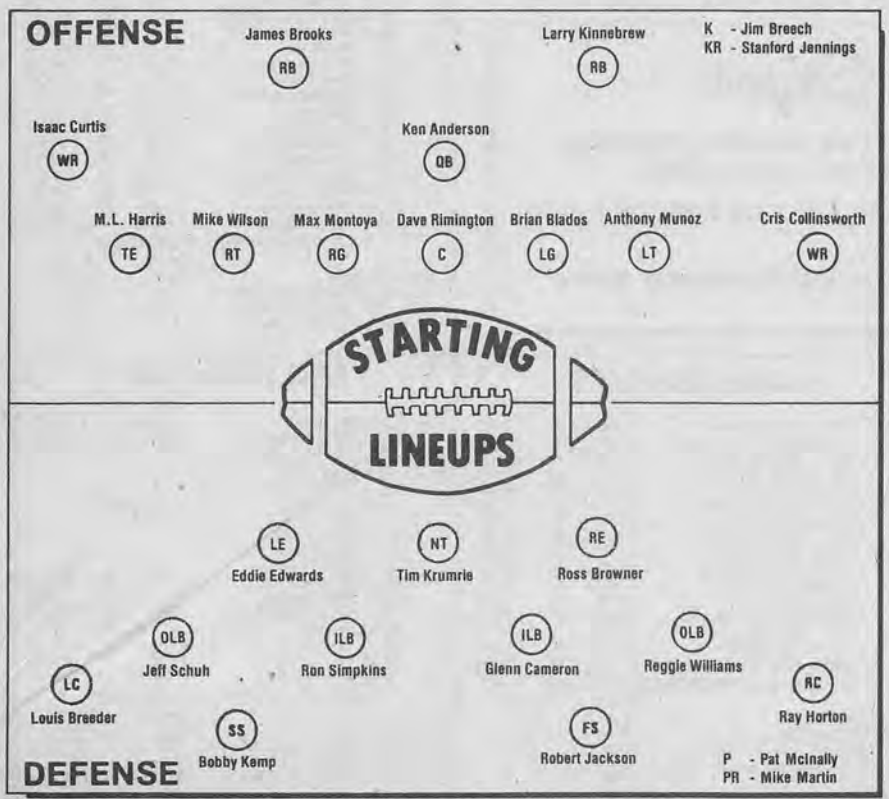
"Early wins that lead to early momentum will be crucial in our drive for the playoffs this year," said second-year Head Coach Sam Wyche. "The strong finish in 1984 has left all the players, coaches and staff feeling good about our chances in '85. I am confident that we will have everyone ready to go physically, mentally and emotionally."

Of great concern is whether Ken Anderson can crank up his 36-year-old body for his 15th campaign. If Anderson has to give way to Turk Schonert or Boomer Esiason, it could cost the Bengals. Wyche got some good news when Cris Collinsworth decided to stay with the Bengals and not go to the USFL, but the ground game, although ranking sixth in the League, did it more with persistence than flair as top rusher Larry Kinnebrew was just 26th in the NFL, and could use a boost. Maybe Stanford Jennings, a third-round draft choice in '84, will be used more, or it could be Stanley Wilson, who has excellent potential but missed most of the 1984 season.

Cincinnati's defense fell from first to 13th in the League as linebacker Jim LeClair jumped to the USFL and cornerback Ken Riley retired. Having broken in two new starters, as well as a new coaching staff last year, Cincinnati now may be ready to regain the lofty perch it occupied in 1983. Much will depend on how well the offense controls the ball and if the secondary makes the big play. Certainly the defensive line, where Tim Krumrie, Eddie Edwards, Ross Browner, Pete Koch and Jerry Boyarsky all play, is deep and talented enough to put pressure on the quarterback. Linebacking, which Wyche termed "adequate" last year, shoudl be improved in '85.

Cincinnati's kicking game is solid, and its return game, with League leading punt returner Mike Martin, obviously is excellent.

Much will depend on the play (or lack of it) of Anderson, but even without him, the Bengals should be serious contenders in a division lacking an overhwelming favorite.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	BENGALS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	339	322
NET RUSH	2179	1868
Avg. Per Game	136.2	116.8
NET PASS	3301	3399
Att./Comp.	496/306	517/302
Had Int.	22	25
Avg. Per Game	206.3	212.4
PUNTS/AVG.	67/42.3	66/42.0
Punt Returns/Yds.	38/473	38/310
Avg. Per Return	12.4	8.2
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	61/1155	68/1402
Avg. Per Return	18.9	20.6
FUMBLES/LOST	32/17	27/15
FIELD GOALS	22/31	22/27
PATS	37/39	37/39
TOTAL POINTS	339	339

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Anderson	275/175	12	2107	10
Schonert	117/78	7	945	4
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Collinsworth	65	1000	15.4	6
Harris	48	759	15.8	2
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Breeden	4	96	24.0	0
Kemp	4	27	6.8	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Kinnebrew	154	623	4.0	9
Alexander	132	479	3.6	2
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
McInally	67	2832	42.3	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Breech	0	37/39	22/31	103
Kinnebrew	10	0/0	0/0	60

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

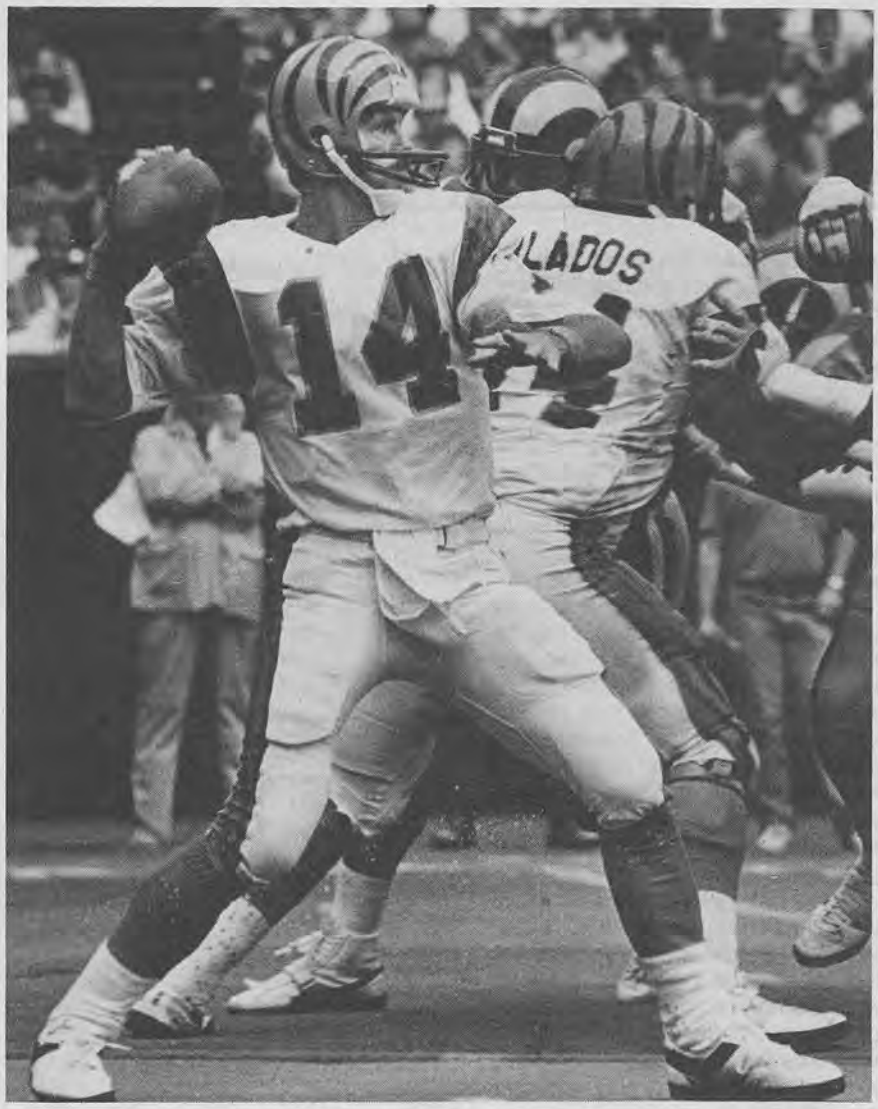
	Home	Away
Actual Record	26-18	18-27
Combined Spread Record	27-13-4	19-26
Favorite Spread Record	19-8-1	6-9
Underdog Spread Record	8-5-3	13-17

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at Denver	(+4)	L	0-10
	9	at Buffalo	(−2½)	L	24-51
	16	New England	(+6)	P	14-20
	23	Houston	(+3)	P	27-30
	30	at Dallas	(+9½)	L	13-38
O.	7	Kansas City	(+1)	L	7-10
	14	Pittsburgh	(+7)	W	34-10
	21	at Cleveland	(+3½)	W	27-28
	28	Philadelphia	(−2)	W	37-13
N.	4	at Baltimore	(+2½)	L	28-38
	11	San Diego	(+3½)	W	24-26
	18	at Houston	(+7)	L	21-42
	25	St. Louis	(−3)	W	34-28
D.	2	at Pittsburgh	(+13)	L	17-37
	9	at Washington	(+6)	L	14-28
	16	Cleveland	(−2½)	W	16-12

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	0-8
Combined Spread Record	5-1-2	1-7
Favorite Spread Record	3-0	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-1-2	1-6



Even in an "off" year, Ken Anderson completed 63 percent of his passes.

Feist's Factors

- **The Bengals are 18-28 road favorites since 1969.**
- **Cincinnati is tough at home, boasting an overwhelming 51-22 record as a favorite there the last 16 years.**
- **The Bengals are strong home underdogs against division foes as their 10-5 spread record indicates.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Seattle
	15	at	St. Louis
	22		San Diego
	30	at	Pittsburgh (Mon.)
O.	6		N.Y. Jets
	13		N.Y. Giants
	20	at	Houston
	27		Pittsburgh
N.	3	at	Buffalo
	10		Cleveland
	17	at	L.A. Raiders
	24	at	Cleveland
D.	1		Houston
	8		Dallas
	15	at	Washington
	22	at	New England

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Denver	(+1)	L	17-20
	9	Kansas City	(−5)	L	22-27
	16	at N.Y. Jets	(−2½)	L	23-43
	23	L.A. Rams	(−6)	L	14-24
O.	1	at Pitt. (Mon.)	(+4½)	L	17-38
	7	Houston	(−7)	W	13-3
	14	at New England	(+7½)	W	14-20
	21	Cleveland	(−3)	P	12-9
	28	at Houston	(−3½)	W	31-13
N.	4	at San Francisco	(+10)	W	17-23
	11	Pittsburgh	(+1½)	W	22-20
	18	Seattle	(+4)	L	6-26
	25	Atlanta	(−6½)	W	35-14
D.	2	at Cleve. (OT)	(PK)	W	20-17
	9	at New Orleans	(−2½)	W	24-21
	16	Buffalo	(−13½)	W	52-21

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-3-1	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	3-2-1	3-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	2-2

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	L.A. Raiders	(−2)	L	10-20
	11	Buffalo	(−6½)	L	6-10
	15	at Cleve. (Thurs.)	(+3½)	L	7-17
	25	at Tampa Bay	(+1½)	W	23-17
O.	2	Baltimore	(−6)	L	31-34
	10	Pittsburgh (Mon.)	(+1)	L	17-27
	16	at Denver	(+3½)	L	17-27
	23	Cleveland	(PK)	W	28-21
	30	Green Bay	(−1)	W	34-14
N.	6	at Houston	(−4)	W	55-14
	13	at Kansas City	(−2½)	L	15-20
	20	Houston	(−9)	W	38-10
	28	at Miami (Mon.)	(+5½)	L	14-38
D.	4	at Pittsburgh	(+4½)	W	23-10
	11	Detroit	(−3)	W	17-9
	17	at Minn. (Sat.)	(−3)	L	14-20

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-4	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	4-3	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	2-3

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Tampa Bay	(−1)	L	12-17
	14	at Miami	(+6½)	W	16-17
	21	Pittsburgh	(+7)	W	30-28
	28	Houston	(+3)	P	10-13
O.	5	at Green Bay	(−7)	L	9-14
	12	at Pittsburgh	(+13)	W	17-16
	19	Minnesota	(−4)	W	14-0
	26	at Houston	(+6)	L	3-23
N.	2	San Diego	(+3½)	L	14-31
	9	at Oakland	(+7)	L	17-28
	16	Buffalo	(+2½)	L	0-14
	23	at Cleveland	(+7)	L	7-31
	30	at Kansas City	(+7)	W	20-6
D.	7	Baltimore	(+2)	W	34-33
	14	at Chicago	(+6½)	W*	17-14
	21	Cleveland	(+3½)	W	24-27

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-3-1	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-1	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	3-2-1	4-3

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Seattle	(−4½)	W	27-21
	13	at N.Y. Jets	(+3½)	W	31-30
	20	Cleveland	(−1)	L	17-20
	27	Buffalo	(+3½)	W*	27-24
O.	4	at Houston	(+3½)	L	10-17
	11	at Baltimore	(+2)	W	41-19
	18	Pittsburgh	(+1)	W	34-7
	25	at New Orleans	(−6)	L	7-17
N.	1	Houston	(−4)	W	34-21
	8	at San Diego	(+4)	W	40-17
	15	Los Angeles	(−3)	W	24-10
	22	Denver	(−3½)	W	38-21
	29	at Cleveland	(−2)	W	41-21
D.	6	San Francisco	(−8)	L	3-21
	13	at Pittsburgh	(PK)	W	17-10
	20	at Atlanta	(−3)	L	30-28

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	6-2
Combined Spread Record	6-2	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	2-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	3-2

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	Houston	(−7½)	W	27-6
	19	at Pittsburgh	(PK)	L	20-26
	27	at Cleve. (Mon.)			
O.	3	Miami			
	10	at New England			
	17	at Giants	STRIKE		
	24	Dallas			
	31	Pittsburgh			
N.	7	Washington			
	14	at Houston			
	21	at Philadelphia	(+1)	W	18-14
	28	L.A. Raiders	(−3½)	W	31-17
D.	5	at Baltimore	(−14½)	L	20-17
	12	Cleveland	(−8½)	W	23-10
	20	at San Die. (Mon.)	(+3)	L	34-50
	26	Seattle	(−10)	W	24-10
J.	2	at Houston	(−10)	L	35-27

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-0	3-2
Combined Spread Record	4-0	1-4
Favorite Spread Record	4-0	0-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-1

CLEVELAND Browns

The Browns were only 5-11 last year, but they weren't really *that* bad. In nine of those losses, Cleveland had the opportunity to win or tie in the final two minutes. Six defeats were by three points, or less, and two were by four. Three of the losses came on field goals on the final play of the game and a fourth saw the winning three-pointer made with just five seconds remaining.

"We didn't do it last year," said Head Coach Marty Schottenheimer. "We did a few years ago when we were the 'Kardiac Kids'. We can do it again . . . I'm not comfortable with predictions, but I can promise you that we have the intent and commitment to make the Browns the best in the League. We have a plan and we have the energy."

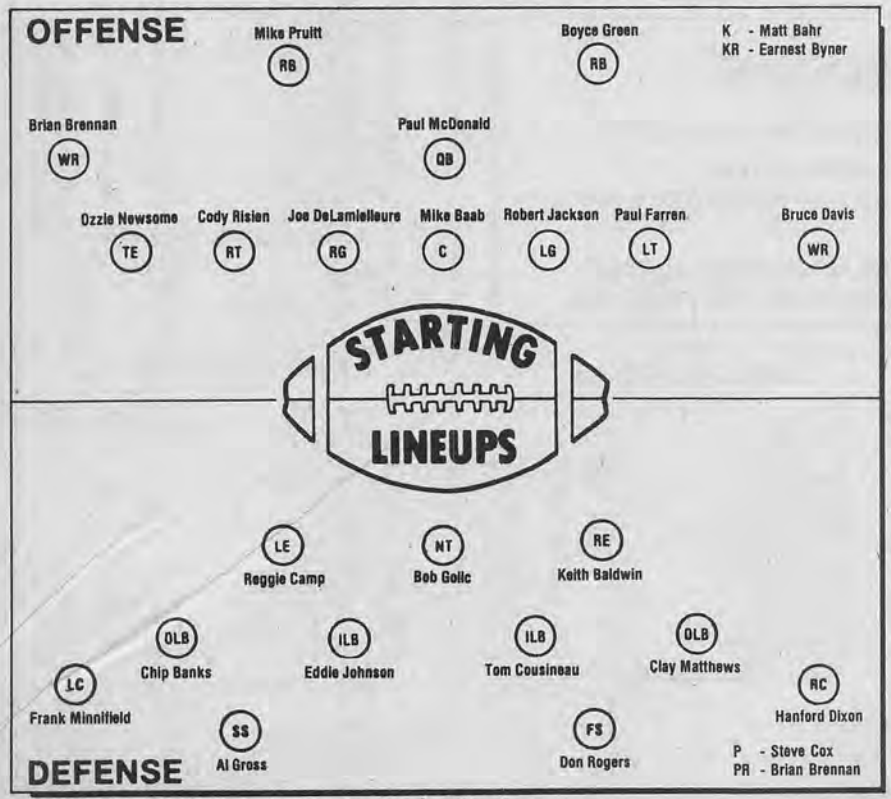
The plan must surely have something to do with native son Bernie Kosar, the Miami Hurricane All-America who was able to write his own ticket to Cleveland by bypassing the regular NFL draft in favor of a supplemental one in which the Browns own the first pick. Kosar's academic accomplishments--he graduated before his class--enable him to make that choice.

"Offensively, we hope to find the guy who can clear the bases with one swing," said Schottenheimer. Wonder who he had in mind? Hint: not Paul McDonald, and probably not Gary Danielson, who was obtained from Detroit.

Kosar will have to operate behind an offensive line that is cracking at the hinges, however. In fact, Doug Dieken and Tom DeLeone have rusted off to retirement. And, he could use a ground game and some receiver help, as well.

While Bernie is learning the ropes, Cleveland's defense can be expected to keep things in order. Last year's platoon led the AFC, permitting the fewest total yards, first downs, passing yards and touchdowns. AFC Rookie-of-the-Year Don Rogers had a lot to do with that, as did end Reggie Camp, whose 14 sacks were the second highest total in Browns' history.

"We have a lot of talented defensive football players on this team," confirmed Schottenheimer. "I'm excited about what the future holds for them. With more time, more seasoning, they could be a dominating defense. They're growing and learning, but they just need to play together more collectively as a unit."



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	BROWNS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	295	270
NET RUSH	1696	1945
Avg. Per Game	106.0	121.5
NET PASS	3132	2696
Att./Comp.	495/273	458/261
Had Int.	23	20
Avg. Per Game	195.7	168.5
PUNTS/AVG.	76/42.3	77/40.6
Punt Returns/Yds.	40/322	43/489
Avg. Per Return	8.1	11.4
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	61/1157	52/1159
Avg. Per Return	19.0	22.3
FUMBLES/LOST	31/16	34/15
FIELD GOALS	25/35	29/33
PATS	25/25	30/30
TOTAL POINTS	250	297

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
McDonald	493/271	23	3472	14
Flick	1/1	0	2	0
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Newsome	89	1001	11.2	5
Brennan	35	455	13.0	3
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Gross	5	103	20.6	0
Dixon	5	31	6.2	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Green	202	673	3.3	0
Pruitt	163	506	3.1	6
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Cox	74	3213	43.4	2
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Bahr	0	25/25	24/37	97
Pruitt	6	0/0	0/0	36

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	24-20	19-26
Combined Spread Record	19-25	24-20-1
Favorite Spread Record	11-20	4-5
Underdog Spread Record	8-5	20-15-1

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at N.Y. Jets	(+3)	W*	25-22
	9	at Kansas City	(−1)	W	27-24
	16	Baltimore	(−7½)	L	13-10
	24	Dallas	(+3½)	W	26-7
	30	at Houston	(+5½)	L	10-31
O.	7	Pittsburgh	(+4)	L	35-51
	14	Washington	(−3)	L	9-13
	21	Cincinnati	(−3½)	L	28-27
	28	at St. Louis	(+3)	W	38-20
N.	4	at Philadelphia	(+3)	W	24-19
	11	Seattle	(−6½)	L	24-29
	18	Miami	(+1)	W*	30-24
	25	at Pittsburgh	(+10½)	W*	30-33
D.	2	Houston	(−1½)	W	14-7
	9	at Oakland	(+2½)	L	14-19
	16	at Cincinnati	(+2½)	L	12-16

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	3-5	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-4	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	4-3



With 89 receptions, Ozzie Newsome was like a wizard at tight end post.

Austin's Edges

- **Cleveland is only 4-8 ATS as home favorite vs AFC West.**
- **The Browns have registered a 26-8 pointspread mark against the AFC East.**
- **Cleveland is not so fortunate against NFC teams, posting a horrid 5-14 mark as a home favorite since 1969.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		St. Louis
	16		Pittsburgh (Mon.)
	22	at	Dallas
	29	at	San Diego
O.	6		New England
	13	at	Houston
	20		L.A. Raiders
	27		Washington
N.	3	at	Pittsburgh
	10	at	Cincinnati
	17		Buffalo
	24		Cincinnati
D.	1	at	N.Y. Giants
	8	at	Seattle
	15		Houston
	22	at	N.Y. Jets

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Seattle (Mon.)	(+4½)	L	0-33
	9	at L.A. Rams	(+6½)	W	17-20
	16	Denver	(−4)	L	14-24
	23	Pittsburgh	(+3½)	W	20-10
	30	at Kansas City	(+5)	W	6-10
O.	7	New England	(+2)	W	16-17
	14	N.Y. Jets	(−2)	L	20-24
	21	at Cincinnati	(+3)	P	9-12
	28	New Orleans	(−2)	L	14-16
N.	4	at Buffalo	(−2½)	W	13-10
	11	San Francisco	(+7)	L	7-41
	18	at Atlanta	(+3½)	W	23-7
	25	Houston	(−6½)	W	27-10
D.	2	Cinn. (OT)	(PK)	L	17-20
	9	at Pittsburgh	(+7)	W	20-23
	16	at Houston	(+2)	W	27-20

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-5	6-1-1
Favorite Spread Record	1-	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	5-1-1

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Minnesota	(−1½)	L	21-27
	11	at Detroit	(+3½)	W	31-26
	15	Cinn. (Thurs.)	(−3½)	W	17-7
	25	at San Diego (OT)	(+7)	W	30-24
O.	2	Seattle	(−3)	L	9-24
	9	N.Y. Jets	(+2)	W	10-7
	16	at Pittsburgh	(+3)	L	17-44
	23	at Cincinnati	(PK)	L	21-28
	30	Houston	(−8½)	L	25-19
N.	6	Green Bay (Mil.)	(+2)	L	21-35
	13	Tampa Bay	(−4)	W	20-0
	20	at New England	(+5)	W	30-0
	27	Baltimore	(−6)	W	41-23
D.	4	at Denver	(−2)	L	6-27
	11	at Houston	(−6½)	L	27-34
	18	Pittsburgh	(−3)	W	30-17

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-3	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	4-3	0-3
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	3-2

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at New England	(+5½)	L	17-34
	15	Houst. (Mon.)	(+3)	L	7-16
	21	Kansas City	(−3½)	W	20-13
	28	at Tampa Bay	(+3)	W	34-27
O.	5	Denver	(−3½)	L	16-19
	12	at Seattle	(+4)	W	27-3
	19	Green Bay	(−7)	L	26-21
	26	Pittsburgh	(+3)	W	27-26
N.	3	Chicago	(−5½)	W	27-21
	9	at Baltimore	(+3½)	W	28-27
	16	at Pittsburgh	(+6)	W	13-16
	23	Cincinnati	(−7)	W	31-7
	30	at Houston	(+3½)	W	17-14
D.	7	N.Y. Jets	(−9½)	L	17-14
	14	at Minnesota	(−3)	L	23-28
	21	at Cincinnati	(−3½)	L	27-24

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	4-4	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	0-2
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	5-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	7	S. Die. (Mon.)	(−2)	L	14-44
	13	Houston	(−3½)	L	3-9
	20	at Cincinnati	(+1)	W	20-17
	27	Atlanta	(+2)	W	28-17
O.	4	at Los Angeles	(+2½)	L	16-27
	11	at Pittsburgh	(+3½)	L	7-13
	18	New Orleans	(−10½)	L	20-17
	25	Baltimore	(−7)	W	42-28
N.	1	at Buffalo	(+4)	L	13-22
	8	at Denver	(+4)	W*	20-23
	15	at San Francisco	(+3)	W	15-12
	22	Pittsburgh	(−2½)	L	10-32
	29	Cincinnati	(+2)	L	21-41
D.	3	at Houston	(+2)	L	13-17
	12	N.Y. Jets	(+2)	W	13-14
	20	at Seattle	(+2)	L	21-42

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	2-6
Combined Spread Record	3-5	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	3-5

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at Seattle	(−3)	W	21-7
	19	Philadelphia	(−3)	L	21-24
	27	Cinn. (Mon.)			
O.	3	at Washington			
	10	at L.A. Raiders			
	17	Baltimore			STRIKE
	24	at Pittsburgh			
	31	Houston			
N.	7	N.Y. Giants			
	14	at Miami			
	21	New England	(−7)	L	10-7
	25	at Dallas (Th.)	(+7)	W	14-31
D.	5	San Diego	(+2½)	L	13-30
	12	at Cincinnati	(+8½)	L	10-23
	19	Pittsburgh	(+4)	W	10-9
	26	at Houston	(−4½)	W	20-14
J.	2	at Pittsburgh	(+7½)	L	21-37

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-2	2-3
Combined Spread Record	1-3	2-3
Favorite Spread Record	0-2	2-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	0-3

DALLAS Cowboys

Failing to reach the playoffs for the first time in a decade, last year, the Cowboys will have to be more productive on offense to get back into postseason play.

"The area that we failed in totally last year was in point production," said Head Coach Tom Landry, the second winningest coach (243 victories) in NFL history. "The problem was basically in the passing game which did not produce the way it has in the past. We are not a team that dominates on the ground, never have been, without a good passing game. Without the passing game, naturally our running game suffered some."

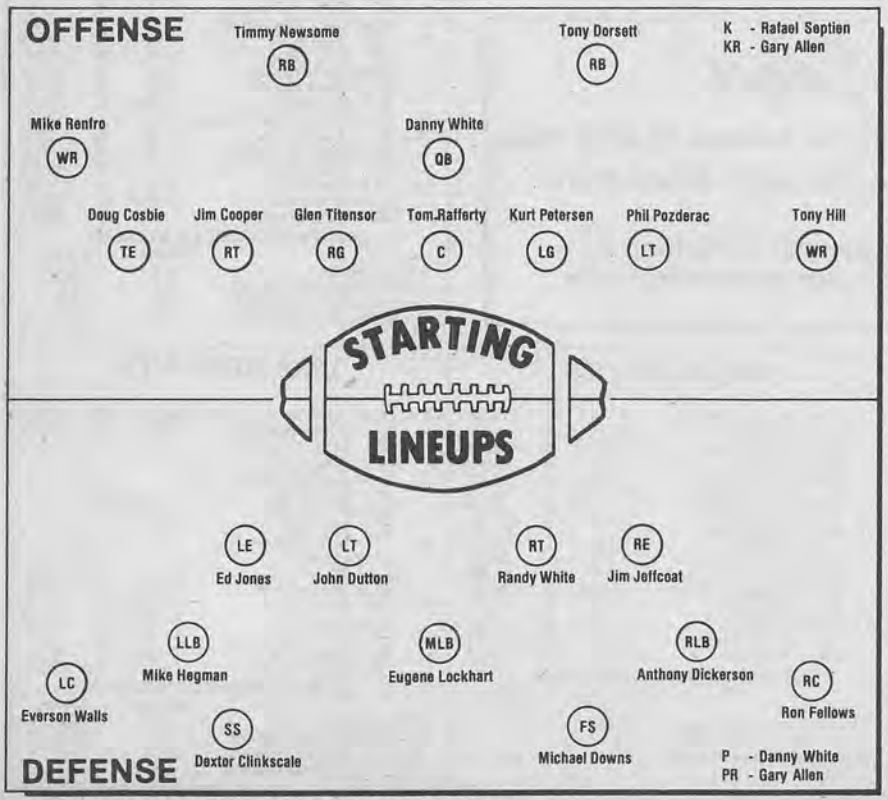
The passing attack was ruined by the season-long uncertainty at quarterback, plus some injuries to the receiving crew. Danny White and Gary Hogeboom waged their battle to start at QB all year, at one point some of the Cowboy players taking sides in the squabble. Because he finished up at starter, White will also start out that way, but one suspects the final act has not been played in this drama yet. The receiving crew, meanwhile, had to contend with injuries to Tony Hill and Doug Donley, plus the retirements of Drew Pearson and Billy Joe DuPree. What resulted was a crew led by tight end Doug Cosbie.

As usual, Tony Dorsett led the running attack, but his yards-per-average figure dipped below 4.0 and it wasn't one of his better campaigns. The offensive line also underwent changes as Pat Donovan retired and Jim Cooper was injured. Now, Cooper is back but Herb Scott has decided to call it quits.

The defense was not without its controversies, either. Harvey Martin quit and Randy White sat out the preseason with contract negotiations and the line suffered, falling to 24th in the League against the rush. Jim Jeffcoat proved he could play in place of Martin, and White returned in time to earn All-Pro status, but a new problem is present this year at linebacker where Bob Breunig has retired. Eugene Lockhart, who earned All-Rookie recognition, will get the starting assignment.

"Our work is going to be cut out for us to make it back to the playoffs," admitted Landry. "A big reason is that the NFC East is probably the best I've seen it. We have more good teams in the East right now than we've ever had."

Dallas is anything but a playoff certainty.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	COWBOYS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	323	283
NET RUSH	1714	2227
Avg. Per Game	107.1	139.2
NET PASS	3606	2810
Att./Comp.	604/322	527/250
Had Int.	26	28
Avg. Per Game	225.4	175.6
PUNTS/AVG.	108/38.1	99/42.8
Punt Returns/Yds.	54/446	55/230
Avg. Per Return	8.3	4.2
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	63/1199	65/1310
Avg. Per Return	19.0	20.2
FUMBLES/LOST	35/17	35/16
FIELD GOALS	23/29	19/28
PATS	33/34	35/36
TOTAL POINTS	308	308

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Hogeboom	367/195	14	2366	7
White	233/126	11	1580	11
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Cosbie	60	789	13.2	4
Hill	58	864	14.9	5
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Downs	7	126	18.0	1
Thurman	5	81	16.2	1
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Dorsett	302	1189	3.9	6
Newsome	66	268	4.1	5
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
White	82	3139	38.3	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Septien	0	33/34	23/29	102
Dorsett	7	0/0	0/0	42

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

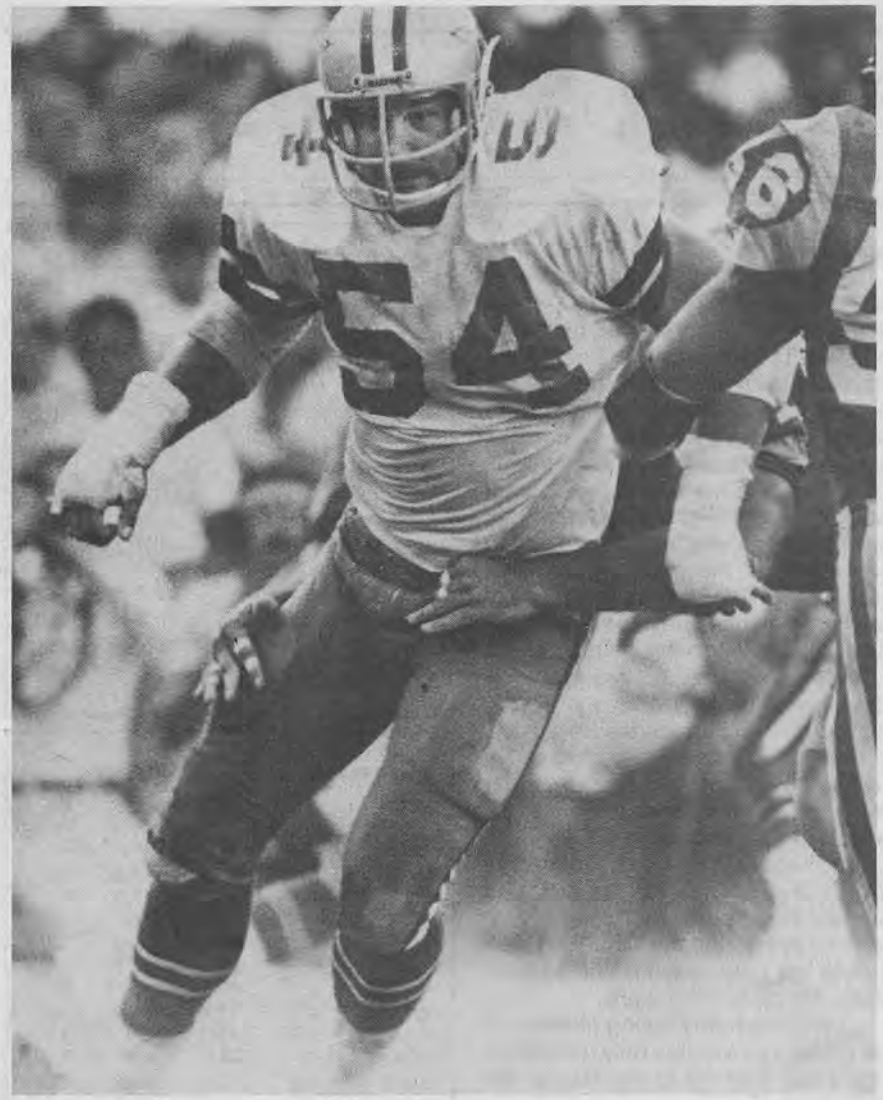
	Home	Away
Actual Record	36-9	26-18
Combined Spread Record	24-21	21-23
Favorite Spread Record	24-20	17-17
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	4-6

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at St. Louis	(−4½)	L	22-21
	9	at San Francisco	(−11)	L	21-13
	16	Chicago	(−9½)	L	24-20
	14	at Cleveland	(−3½)	L	7-26
	30	Cincinnati	(−9½)	W	38-13
O.	7	at Minnesota	(−7½)	W	36-20
	14	Los Angeles	(−5)	W	30-6
	21	St. Louis	(−10½)	L	22-13
	28	at Pittsburgh	(+3½)	L	3-14
N.	4	at N.Y. Giants	(−7½)	L	16-14
	12	Philadelphia	(−9½)	L	21-31
	18	at Washington	(−3½)	L	20-34
	22	Houston	(−3½)	L	24-30
D.	2	N.Y. Giants	(−10½)	W	28-7
	8	at Philadelphia	(−3½)	W	24-17
	16	Washington	(−9)	L	35-34

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	3-5	2-5
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-1



You practically had to tackle Randy White to keep him from doing same.

Feist's Factors

- **The Cowboys are a lowly 8-16 as road underdogs over the past 16 years.**
- **Dallas fares poorly as an away favorite vs the NFC West, only 2-6 against points since '69.**
- **The Cowboys get black and blue vs NFC Central, only 5-9 as home favorite.**

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1985 SCHEDULE

S.	9		Washington (Mon.)
	15	at	Detroit
	22		Cleveland
	29	at	Houston
O.	6	at	N.Y. Giants
	13		Pittsburgh
	20	at	Philadelphia
	27		Atlanta
N.	4	at	St. Louis (Mon.)
	10	at	Washington
	17		Chicago
	24		Philadelphia
	28		St. Louis (Thks.)
D.	8	at	Cincinnati
	15		N.Y. Giants
	22	at	San Francisco

1984 RESULTS

S.	3	at Rams (Mon.)	(+2)	W	20-13
	9	at N.Y. Giants	(−4½)	L	7-28
	16	Philadelphia	(−8½)	L	23-17
	23	Green Bay	(−2½)	W	20-6
	30	at Chicago	(−2)	W	23-14
O.	7	St. Louis	(−6)	L	20-31
	14	at Washington	(+5½)	L	14-34
	21	N. Orleans (OT)	(−6)	L	30-27
	28	Indianapolis	(−10)	W	22-3
N.	4	N.Y. Giants	(−7)	L	7-16
	11	at St. Louis	(+5½)	W	24-17
	18	at Buffalo	(−10)	L	3-14
	22	New England	(−2)	W	20-17
D.	2	at Philadelphia	(−4)	W	26-10
	9	Washington	(+1)	L	28-30
	17	at Miami (Mon.)	(+5)	L	21-28

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	2-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	2-2

1983 RESULTS

S.	5	at Wash. (Mon.)	(−3½)	L	31-30
	11	at St. Louis	(−6)	W	34-17
	18	N.Y. Giants	(−8)	W	28-13
	25	New Orleans	(−8½)	L	21-20
O.	2	at Minnesota	(−4½)	W	37-24
	9	Tampa Bay (OT)	(−14)	L	27-24
	16	Philadelphia	(−7)	W	37-7
	23	L.A. Raiders	(−4)	L	38-40
	30	at N.Y. Giants	(−7)	W	38-20
N.	6	at Philadelphia	(−6½)	W	27-20
	13	at San Diego	(−9)	L	23-24
	20	Kansas City	(−9)	W	41-21
	24	St. Louis (Thks.)	(−10)	W	35-17
D.	4	at Seattle	(−6)	W	35-10
	11	Washington	(−3)	L	10-31
	19	at San Fran (Mon.)	(+1)	L	17-42

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	6-2
Combined Spread Record	4-4	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	4-4	5-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-1

1980 RESULTS

S.	8	at Washington	(+3)	W	17-3
	14	at Denver	(+3)	L	20-41
	21	Tampa Bay	(−7)	W	28-17
	28	at Green Bay	(−10)	W	28-7
O.	5	N.Y. Giants	(−12)	W	24-3
	12	San Francisco	(−9)	W	59-14
	19	at Philadelphia	(+3)	L	10-17
	26	San Diego	(−2)	W	42-31
N.	2	at St. Louis	(−5)	L	27-24
	9	at N.Y. Giants	(−10½)	L	35-38
	16	St. Louis	(−9)	W	31-21
	23	Washington	(−12)	L	14-10
	27	Seattle	(−9)	W	51-7
D.	7	at Oakland	(−2½)	W	19-13
	15	at Los Angeles	(−2½)	L	14-38
	21	Philadelphia	(−4)	W	35-27

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	8-0	4-4
Combined Spread Record	7-1	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	7-1	2-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-2

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at Washington	(−2)	W	26-10
	13	St. Louis	(−10½)	W	30-17
	21	at N.E. (Mon.)	(−2)	W	35-21
	27	N.Y. Giants	(−10½)	L	18-10
O.	4	at St. Louis	(−6)	L	17-20
	11	at San Francisco	(−5)	L	14-45
	18	Los Angeles	(−5)	W	29-17
	25	Miami	(−6)	L	28-27
N.	1	at Philadelphia	(+3)	W	17-14
	9	Buffalo (Mon.)	(−4)	W	27-14
	15	at Detroit	(−3)	L	24-27
	22	Washington	(−7)	W	24-10
	26	Chi. (Thanks.)	(−13½)	L	10-9
D.	6	at Baltimore	(−13)	W	37-13
	13	Philadelphia	(−4)	W	21-10
	19	at N.Y. Giants	(−3)	L*	10-13

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	8-0	4-4
Combined Spread Record	5-3	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	5-3	3-4
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-0

1982 RESULTS

S.	13	Pitts. (Mon.)	(−5)	L	28-36
	19	at St. Louis	(−5)	W	24-7
	26	at Minnesota			
O.	3	N.Y. Giants			
	10	Washington			
	17	at Philadelphia			STRIKE
	24	at Cincinnati			
	31	at N.Y. Giants			
N.	7	St. Louis			
	14	at San Francisco			
	21	Tampa Bay	(−7½)	L	14-9
	25	Cleveland	(−7)	W	31-14
D.	5	at Washington	(−2½)	W	24-10
	13	at Houston (M.)	(−9½)	W	37-7
	19	New Orleans	(−11)	W	21-7
	26	Philadelphia	(−9)	L	20-24
J.	3	at Minn.	(−5)	L	27-31

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-2	3-1
Combined Spread Record	2-3	3-1
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	3-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-0

DENVER Broncos

The Broncos may be young--there are 21 players on the roster younger in years than third-year quarterback John Elway--but that fact didn't stop them from winning the AFC Western title last year and may turn out to be a positive element in this season's long journey toward another title.

"A young team that's not expected to do much has a lot of enthusiasm," said Head Coach Dan Reeves. "I thought that was what happened last year. We had a team that played hard each week and had very few low points in the season. We learned a great deal from the season and it certainly should be a stepping stone for bigger and better things in the future."

Denver dominated on defense, allowing the second fewest amount of points in the League while holding 14-of-16 opponents to 21 points or less. The assault was led by a line that improved its sack total to 57, fifth best in the NFL. Rulon Jones led the way with 11.

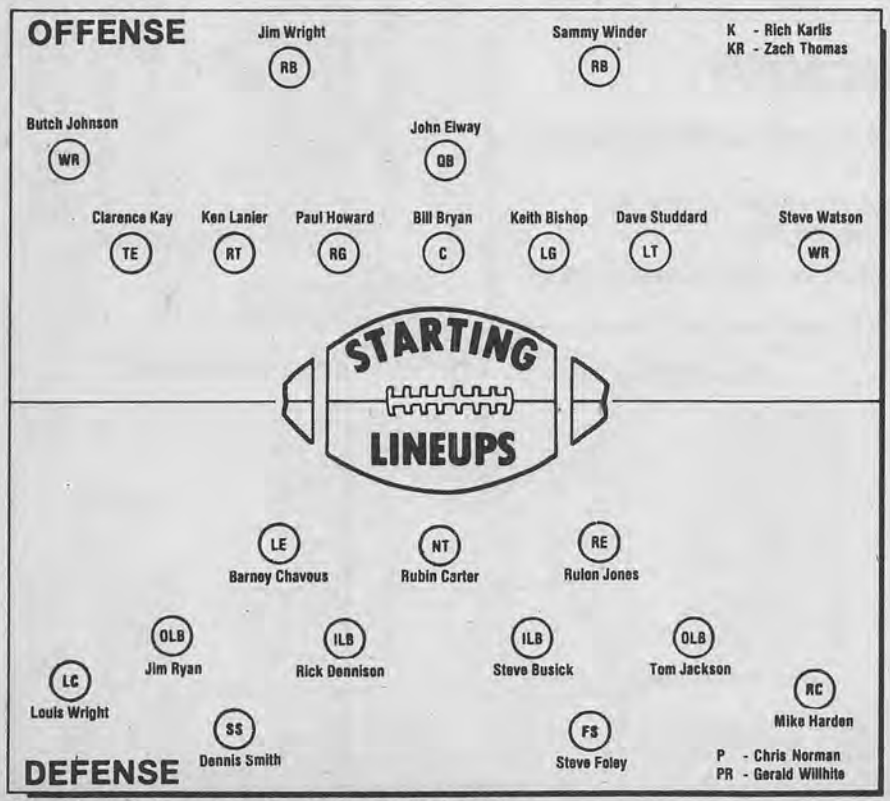
The linebackers also played well, especially Steve Busick, who was in his first season as a starter at the right inside position and responded by leading the team in total tackles.

The secondary did its share, too, intercepting 24 of the 31 Denver picked off last year, second best total in the NFL. This unit also helped the Broncos finish second in the League in takeaways/giveaways with +21. In all, the defense's franchise record 13 wins and team record 10 straight.

The offense, while less spectacular, nevertheless, was improved. John Elway moved from the bottom to the middle of the pack among AFC passers and the Broncos were one of only three clubs to have both a 1,000-yard rusher (Sammy Winder) and 1,000-yard receiver (Steve Watson). The offensive line did its share, too, allowing only 35 sacks, the lowest total since the 27 surrendered in 1983. Tackle Dave Studdard permitted just one sack all year, to lead the interior quintet in that department.

Chris Norman had an erratic rookie season punting, but still finished the year in a sixth-place tie for best net average in the NFL. Rich Karlis had his third straight fine season doing the placement work.

With so many young players on the roster, Denver can only get better. That's fair warning to the rest of the AFC West.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	BRONCOS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	299	311
NET RUSH	2076	1664
Avg. Per Game	129.8	104.0
NET PASS	2859	4023
Att./Comp.	475/263	631/346
Had Int.	17	31
Avg. Per Game	178.7	251.4
PUNTS/AVG.	96/40.1	81/41.5
Punt Returns/Yds.	41/318	44/330
Avg. Per Return	7.8	7.6
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	45/897	55/1181
Avg. Per Return	19.9	21.5
FUMBLES/LOST	36/17	44/24
FIELD GOALS	21/28	21/28
PATS	38/42	26/26
TOTAL POINTS	353	241

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Elway	380/214	15	2598	18
Kubiak	75/44	1	440	4
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Watson	69	1170	17.0	7
Winder	44	288	6.5	2
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Foley	6	97	16.1	1
Harden	6	79	13.1	1
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Winder	296	1153	3.9	4
Willhite	73	371	4.8	2
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Norman	96	3850	40.1	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Karlis	0	38/41	21/28	101
Watson	7	0/0	0/0	42

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	32-13	20-24
Combined Spread Record	23-21-1	21-23
Favorite Spread Record	16-19	7-7
Underdog Spread Record	7-2-1	14-16

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Cincinnati	(−4½)	W	10-0
	6	Los Angeles	(−3)	L	9-13
	16	at Atlanta	(−2½)	W*	20-17
	23	Seattle	(−5)	L	37-34
	30	at Oakland	(−3)	L	3-27
O.	7	San Diego	(+2)	W	7-0
	14	at Kansas City	(+2½)	W	24-10
	22	at Pittsburgh	(+7½)	L	7-42
	28	Kansas City	(−6)	W	20-3
N.	4	New Orleans	(−6½)	W	10-3
	11	New England	(+1)	W	45-10
	18	at San Francisco	(−7)	W	38-28
	25	Oakland	(−7½)	L	10-14
D.	2	at Buffalo	(−2½)	W	19-16
	8	at Seattle	(−3)	L	23-28
	17	at San Diego	(+7)	L	7-17

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	4-4
Combined Spread Record	5-3	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	3-2
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	1-2



Steve Watson was John Elway's favorite target again, with 69 receptions.

Austin's Edges

- **Broncos have the whammy on the AFC East, claiming a 9-2 pointspread mark as a home favorite vs that group.**
- **Denver hasn't had much luck on Monday Night Football, 3-11 since 1970.**
- **The Broncos are 14-5 vs the points as a dog against the AFC Central since 1969.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	L.A. Rams
	15		New Orleans
	22	at	Atlanta
	29		Miami
O.	6		Houston
	13	at	Indianapolis
	20		Seattle
	27	at	Kansas City
N.	3	at	San Diego
	11		San Fran. (Mon.)
	17		San Diego
	24	at	L.A. Raiders
D.	1	at	Pittsburgh
	8		L.A. Raiders
	14		Kansas City (Sat.)
	20	at	Seattle (Fri.)

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	Cincinnati	(−1)	W	20-17
	9	at Chicago	(+5½)	L	0-27
	16	at Cleveland	(+4)	W	24-14
	23	Kansas City	(PK)	W	21-0
	30	L.A. Raiders	(+4)	W	16-13
O.	7	at Detroit	(+3½)	W	28-7
	15	Gre. Bay(Mon.)	(−6)	L	17-14
	21	at Buffalo	(−3)	W	37-7
	28	at Raiders (OT)	(+7)	W	22-19
N.	4	New England	(−5)	W	26-19
	11	at San Diego	(PK)	W	16-13
	18	Minnesota	(−10)	W	42-21
	25	Seattle	(−2)	L	24-27
D.	2	at Kansas City	(−4½)	L	13-16
	9	San Diego	(−7½)	L	16-13
	15	at Seattle (St.)	(+4)	W	31-14

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	6-2
Combined Spread Record	5-3	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	4-3	2-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	4-1

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at Pittsburgh	(+7½)	W	14-10
	11	at Baltimore	(−2½)	W	17-10
	18	Philadelphia (OT)	(−3)	L	10-13
	25	L.A. Raiders	(+4)	L	7-22
O.	2	at Chicago	(+2)	L	14-31
	9	at Houston	(−1½)	W	26-14
	16	Cincinnati	(−3½)	W	27-17
	23	San Diego	(+2)	W	14-6
	30	Kansas City	(−2½)	W	27-24
N.	6	at Seattle	(+2½)	L	19-27
	13	at L.A. Raiders	(+7)	W	20-22
	20	Seattle	(−1½)	W	38-27
	27	at San Diego	(+3)	L	7-31
D.	4	Cleveland	(+2)	W	27-6
	11	Baltimore	(−8½)	L	21-19
	18	at Kansas City	(+1)	L	17-48

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-3	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	3-4

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at Philadelphia	(+3)	L	6-27
	14	Dallas	(−3)	W	41-20
	21	San Diego	(−2)	L	13-30
	29	at New England	(+4)	L	14-23
O.	5	at Cleveland	(+3½)	W	19-1
	13	Washington	(−6)	L	20-17
	19	Kansas City	(−4)	L	17-23
	26	at N.Y. Giants	(−6)	L	14-9
N.	2	Houston	(+3½)	L	16-20
	9	at San Diego	(+9)	W	20-13
	16	N.Y. Jets	(−6½)	W	31-24
	23	Seattle	(−4½)	W	36-20
D.	1	at Oakland	(+4)	L	3-9
	7	at Kansas City	(+1)	L	14-31
	14	Oakland	(+3)	P	21-24
	21	at Seattle	(+3)	W	25-17

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	4-4
Combined Spread Record	3-4-1	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-1-1	3-4

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Oakland	(+2½)	W	9-7
	13	at Seattle	(−1)	L	10-13
	20	Baltimore	(−3)	W	28-10
	27	San Diego	(+3)	W	42-24
O.	4	at Oakland	(+4)	W	17-0
	11	Detroit	(−7)	L	27-71
	18	at Kansas City	(PK)	L	14-28
	25	at Buffalo	(+5½)	W	7-9
N.	2	Minn. (Mon.)	(−5½)	L	19-17
	8	Cleveland	(−4)	L*	23-20
	15	at Tampa Bay	(−1½)	W	24-7
	22	at Cincinnati	(+3½)	L	21-38
	29	at San Diego	(+4)	L	17-34
D.	6	Kansas City	(−3½)	L	16-13
	13	Seattle	(−9½)	W	23-13
	20	at Chicago	(−2)	L	24-35

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	8-0	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	2-4	1-3
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	1-3

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	San Diego	(−1)	L	3-23
	19	San Francisco	(−1)	W	24-21
	26	at New Orleans			
O.	3	Pittsburgh			
	10	at N.Y. Jets			
	17	at Houston			
	24	L.A. Raiders	STRIKE		
	31	Buffalo			
N.	7	at Seattle			
	14	at Kansas City			
	21	Seattle	(−7½)	L	10-17
	28	at San Diego	(+6½)	L	20-30
D.	5	Atlanta	(−4)	L	27-34
	12	at Los Angeles	(+3)	W	27-24
	19	Kansas City	(−6½)	L	16-37
	26	at L.A. Raiders	(+7½)	L	10-27
J.	2	at Seattle	(+3)	W	11-13

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-4	1-3
Combined Spread Record	1-4	2-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-2

DETROIT Lions

The Lions' lost four of their first five games last year by a total of just 11 points, indicating, perhaps, that with a little luck things could be a lot better, but new Head Coach Darryl Rogers isn't taking anything for granted.

"I want to look at all the players to see if they are successful and if they give a full effort," said Rogers. "If not," he cautioned, "we'll replace them."

Part of Detroit's woes can be blamed on injuries which robbed the Lions of the services of Billy Sims, Steve Mott and Rich Strenger for a total of 33 games last year. Sims, the all-time leading rusher in Detroit history with 5,106 yards and 47 touchdowns, appeared in only the first eight games before injuring his knee. It required surgery, and the former Heisman Trophy winner has been on a strict rehabilitation program. Mott, meanwhile, missed 10 games at center and Strenger, the starting tackle, played only the opener against San Francisco before he, too, hurt his knee.

Gary Danielson who set Lion records for completions and yardage last year has been dealt to Cleveland. Joe Ferguson, obtained from Buffalo, will be the new QB.

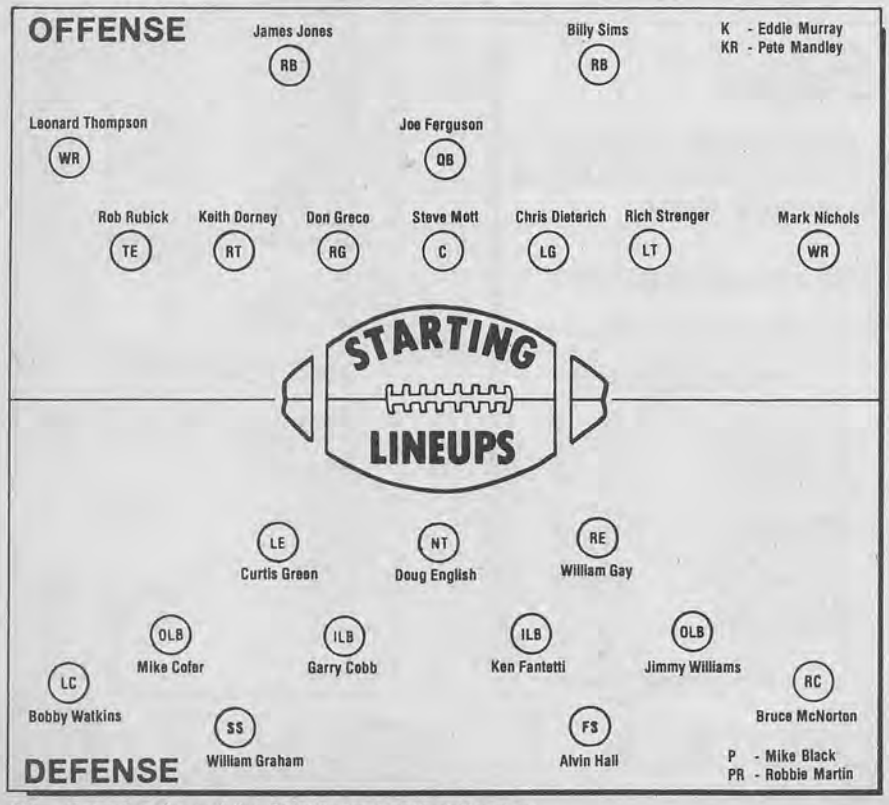
"I like one quarterback," admitted Rogers, all but confirming as much. "If you rotate people you create a lot of problems for yourself."

Detroit's major change will come on defense as the Lions drop the 4-3 alignment in favor of the 3-4, the preferred lineup of new defensive coordinator Wayne Fontes. Doug English, who earned Pro Bowl appearances as a tackle in 1978, '81, '82 and '83, will be asked to shift to noseguard, a position that calls for more "head-up" alignments. Curtis Green will shift from tackle to end and Mike Cofer from end to outside linebacker. Garry Cobb, Jimmy Williams and Ken Fantetti will complete the linebacking quartet, the latter a certainty for one inside post after being voted team defensive MVP last year by his teammates.

The secondary, which does not have a starter older than the age of 27, must improve on its 21st place finish among NFL teams last year. It's difficult to project if the switch to the 3-4 will help or hinder that effort.

Ed Murray, who converted 12-of-13 FG tries between 40 and 49 yards last year, combines with punter Mike Black to give the Lions a fine kicking twosome.

The Lions should be roaring down the comeback trail this fall.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	LIONS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	306	328
NET RUSH	2017	1799
Avg. Per Game	126.1	112.4
NET PASS	3301	3520
Att./Comp.	531/298	466/288
Had Int.	22	14
Avg. Per Game	206.3	220.0
PUNTS/AVG.	76/41.6	73/40.4
Punt Returns/Yds.	36/241	49/516
Avg. Per Return	6.7	10.5
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	74/1347	60/1250
Avg. Per Return	18.2	20.8
FUMBLES/LOST	36/14	28/11
FIELD GOALS	20/27	24/29
PATS	31/31	48/48
TOTAL POINTS	283	408

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Danielson	410/252	15	3076	17
Hipple	38/16	1	246	1
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Jones	77	662	8.6	5
Thompson	50	773	15.5	6
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Watkins	6	0	0.0	0
Graham	3	22	7.3	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Sims	130	687	5.4	5
Jones	137	532	3.9	3
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Black	76	3164	41.6	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Murray	0	31/31	20/27	91
Jones	8	0/0	0/0	48

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

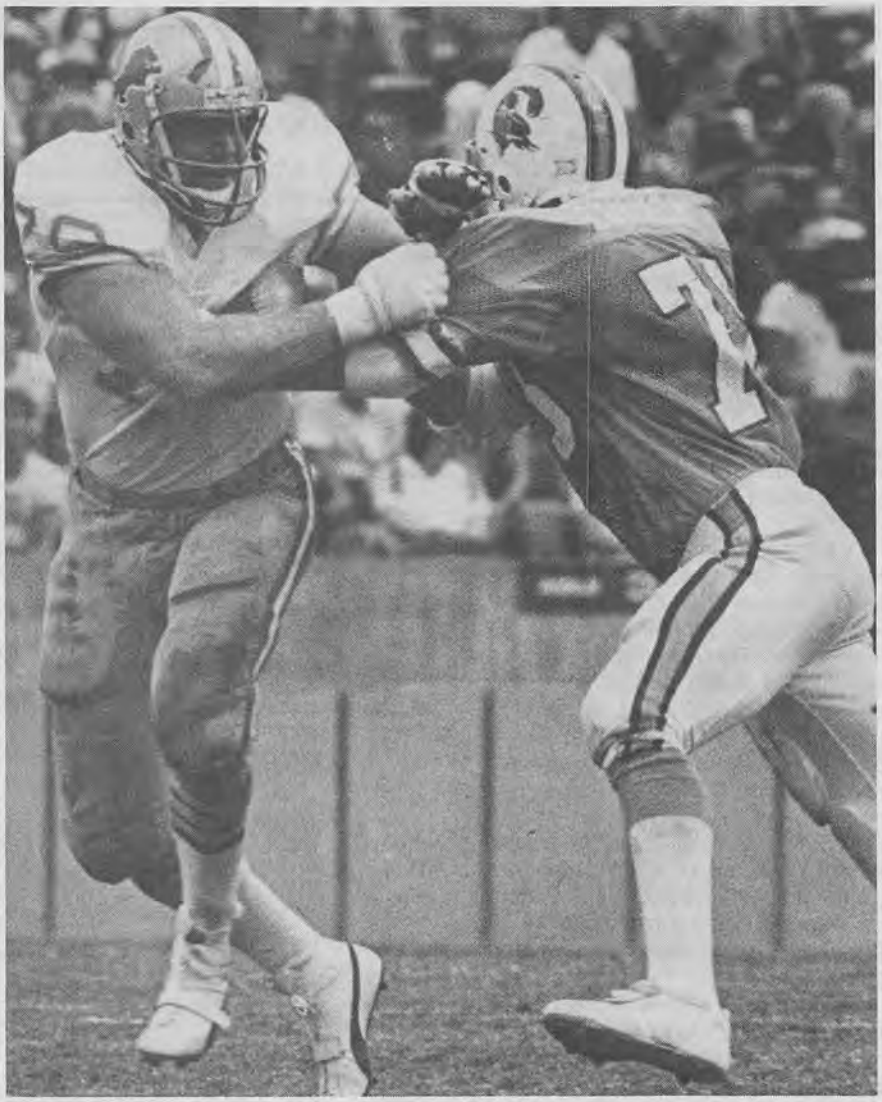
	Home	Away
Actual Record	25-19-1	11-32
Combined Spread Record	23-22	20-22-1
Favorite Spread Record	13-16	3-6
Underdog Spread Record	10-6	17-16-1

1979 RESULTS

S.	1	at Tampa Bay	(+4)	L	16-31
	9	Washington	(+1)	L	24-27
	16	at N.Y. Jets	(+6½)	L	10-31
	23	Atlanta	(+3½)	W	24-23
	30	Minnesota	(−3½)	L	10-13
O.	7	at New England	(+12½)	W	17-24
	14	at Green Bay	(+3)	L	16-24
	21	at New Orleans	(+7½)	L	7-17
	28	Buffalo	(+1)	L	17-20
N.	4	at Chicago	(+6½)	L	7-35
	11	Tampa Bay	(+3½)	W	14-16
	18	at Minnesota	(+4½)	L	7-14
	22	Chicago	(+3½)	W	20-0
D.	2	at Philadelphia	(+8½)	L	7-44
	9	Miami	(+6½)	L	10-28
	16	Green Bay	(−3½)	L	13-18

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	0-8
Combined Spread Record	3-5	1-7
Favorite Spread Record	0-2	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	3-3	1-7



Lion in Winter Keith Dorney attempts to keep defenders at arm's length.

Feist's Factors

- **The Lions are only 10-22 as an away favorite, since 1969.**
- **Detroit is 11-5 vs points as an away underdog when playing NFC West teams.**
- **Detroit is a weak 9-14 as an away underdog when playing on an artificial surface, since 1969.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	Atlanta
	15		Dallas
	22	at	Indianapolis
	29		Tampa Bay
O.	6	at	Green Bay
	13	at	Washington
	20		San Francisco
	27		Miami
N.	3	at	Minnesota
	10	at	Chicago
	17		Minnesota
	24	at	Tampa Bay
	28		N.Y. Jets (Thks.)
D.	8	at	New England
	15		Green Bay
	22		Chicago

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	San Francisco	(+2)	L	27-30
	9	at Atlanta (OT)	(+3)	W	27-24
	16	at Tampa Bay	(−3)	L	17-21
	23	Minnesota	(−6)	L	28-29
	30	at San Diego	(+5)	W	24-27
O.	7	Denver	(−3½)	L	7-28
	14	Tam. Bay(OT)	(−3½)	W	13-7
	21	at Minnesota	(+2)	W	16-14
	28	at Green Bay	(+3)	L	9-41
N.	4	Phila. (OT)	(−3)	L	23-23
	11	at Washington	(+10)	L	14-28
	18	at Chicago	(+7)	W	14-16
	22	Green Bay	(+4)	W	31-28
D.	2	at Seattle	(+11)	L	17-38
	10	Raiders (Mon.)	(+7)	L	3-24
	16	Chicago	(−2)	L	13-30

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-5-1	2-6
Combined Spread Record	2-6	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-2	4-3

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at Tampa Bay	(+3)	W	11-0
	11	Cleveland	(−3½)	L	26-31
	18	Atlanta	(−3)	L	14-30
	25	at Minnesota	(+3)	P	17-20
O.	2	at L.A. Rams	(+4½)	L	10-21
	9	Green Bay	(+1½)	W	38-14
	16	Chicago	(−3)	W	31-17
	23	at Washington	(+7)	L	17-38
	30	at Chicago	(+2½)	W	38-17
N.	7	N.Y.G. (Mon.)	(−5½)	W	15-9
	13	at Houston	(−6½)	L	17-27
	20	G. Bay (Mil.) (OT)	(+4)	W	23-20
	24	Pitt. (Thks.)	(+3)	W	45-3
D.	5	Minn. (Mon.)	(−4)	W	13-2
	11	at Cincinnati	(+3)	L	9-17
	18	Tampa Bay	(−9½)	L	23-20

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-3	3-4-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	3-3-1

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at Los Angeles	(+7)	W	41-20
	14	at Green Bay	(−5)	W	29-7
	21	St. Louis	(−7½)	W	20-7
	28	Minnesota	(−6½)	W	27-7
O.	5	at Atlanta	(−2)	L	28-43
	12	New Orleans	(−11½)	L	24-13
	19	at Chicago	(NL)		7-24
	26	at Kansas City	(+3½)	W	17-20
N.	2	San Francisco	(−9)	L	17-13
	9	at Minnesota	(+1)	L	0-34
	16	Baltimore	(+2½)	W	9-10
	23	at Tampa Bay	(+3½)	W	24-10
	27	Chicago	(−3½)	L*	17-23
D.	7	at St. Louis	(+3)	W	23-24
	14	Tampa Bay	(−6½)	W	27-14
	21	Green Bay	(−6½)	W	24-3

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-3	5-2
Favorite Spread Record	4-3	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	4-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	San Francisco	(−5)	L	24-17
	13	at San Diego	(+7)	W	23-28
	20	at Minnesota	(−3½)	L	24-26
	27	Oakland	(+1½)	W	16-0
O.	4	at Tampa Bay	(+1)	L	10-28
	11	at Denver	(+7)	W	21-27
	19	Chi. (Mon.)	(−6)	W	48-17
	25	Green Bay	(5)	W	31-27
N.	1	at Los Angeles	(+6½)	L	13-20
	8	at Washington	(+2½)	W	31-33
	15	Dallas	(+3)	W	27-24
	22	at Chicago	(−3)	W	23-7
	26	K.C. (Thanks.)	(−2½)	W	27-10
D.	6	at Green Bay	(−2½)	L	17-31
	12	Minnesota	(−4)	W	45-7
	20	Tampa Bay	(−5½)	L	17-20

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	1-7
Combined Spread Record	6-2	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	3-2

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	Chicago	(−5½)	W	17-10
	19	at Los Angeles	(+2½)	W	19-14
	26	Tampa Bay			
O.	3	Baltimore			
	10	at Miami			
	17	Atlanta	STRIKE		
	26	at Buffalo			
N.	1	at Minn. (Mon.)			
	7	at Philadelphia			
	14	Green Bay			
	21	at Chicago	(−3)	L	17-20
	25	N.Y.G. (Th.)	(−4½)	L	6-13
D.	6	N.Y. Jets (Mon.)	(+1)	L	13-28
	12	at Green Bay	(+5½)	W	30-10
	19	Minnesota	(−3½)	L	31-34
	26	at Tampa Bay	(+3½)	W	21-23
J.	2	Green Bay	(+1)	W	27-24

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-3	2-2
Combined Spread Record	2-3	3-1
Favorite Spread Record	1-2	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	2-0

GREEN BAY Packers

Green Bay's failure to win the close ones--the Packers lost six-of-eight games that were decided by a touchdown or less--was as much a factor as anything in the team's failure to make the playoffs last year, but Head Coach Forrest Gregg plans on changing that scenario this season.

"I'll just say this--this team has been close for several years now, but they've always been that one game away," said Gregg. "We're going to have to close that gap."

The Packers already have done some gap closing, especially on defense. The stop troops made impressive strides in 1984, vaulting from 28th place in the League a year earlier to 16th with the aid of a change in philosophy implemented by new coordinator Dick Modzelewski, who emphasized a more reckless, physical approach. In the process, Packer defenders improved dramatically against the pass, climbing from 24th place in the NFL in 1983 to 8th place last season, and advanced from 26th place to 20th in playing the run, reducing the opposition's average per rush to 3.9 yards from 4.4 the previous year.

Rookies like Alphonso Carreker, Donnie Humphrey and Tom Flynn definitely made a contribution, but it was the overall play of a solid linebacking quartet of John Anderson, Mike Douglass, Randy Scott and George Cumby which was at the heart of the matter.

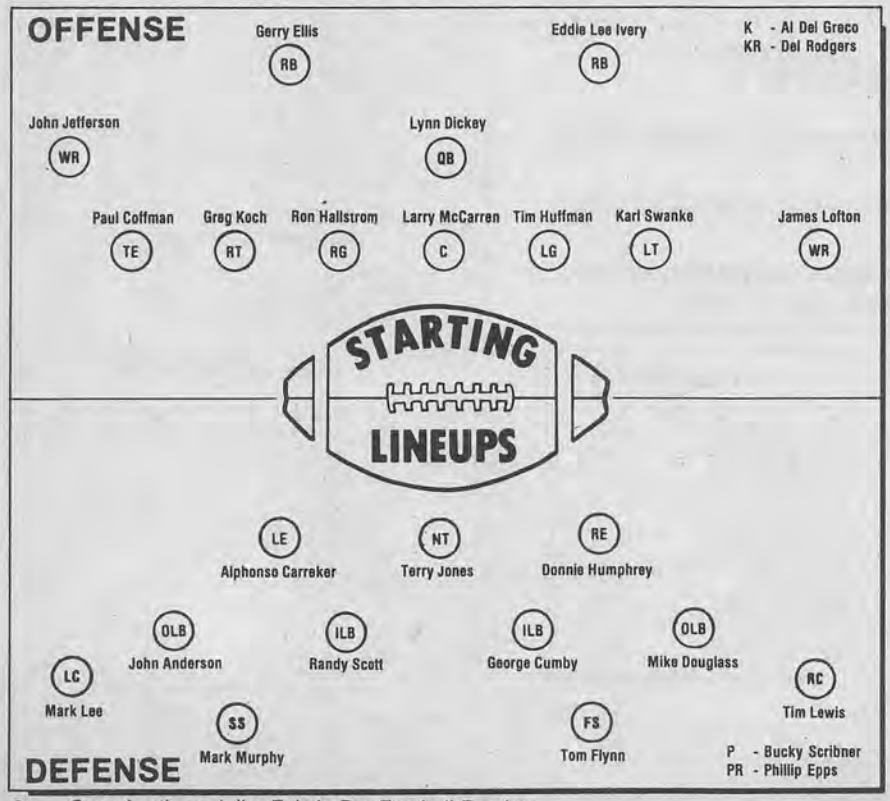
The offense also made strides, gaining more yards than any Packer team except the '83 outfit. The 51 touchdowns scored was third best in the NFL behind Super Bowl combatants Miami (70) and San Francisco (57).

Wideout James Lofton and tight end Paul Coffman again were Pro Bowl honorees while QB Lynn Dickey fought off back problems to toss 25 touchdowns. The running back corps was injured much of the year and needs a healthy Eddie Lee Ivery to take the heat off the superb aerial game. The offensive line is another area that could use an injury-free season.

Bucky Scribner is a good punter and Al Del Greco, picked up as a free agent, did well when Eddie Garcia was placed on injured reserve at game No. 9. Del Greco now is in and Garcia is out.

"Last year it boiled down to us and the Bears," said Gregg. "They won it but any team in our division is quite capable of winning it."

Including the Packers.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	PACKERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	315	323
NET RUSH	2019	2145
Avg. Per Game	126.2	134.1
NET PASS	3430	3146
Att./Comp.	506/281	551/315
Had Int.	30	27
Avg. Per Game	214.4	196.6
PUNTS/AVG.	85/42.3	89/40.9
Punt Returns/Yds.	48/351	46/368
Avg. Per Return	7.3	8.0
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	67/1362	73/1168
Avg. Per Return	20.3	16.0
FUMBLES/LOST	17/7	33/15
FIELD GOALS	12/21	24/30
PATS	48/51	33/34
TOTAL POINTS	390	309

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Dickey	401/237	19	3195	25
Wright	27/62	6	310	2
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Lofton	62	1361	22.0	7
Coffman	43	562	13.1	9
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Flynn	9	106	11.7	0
Lewis	7	151	21.5	1
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Ellis	123	581	4.7	4
Ivery	99	552	5.6	6
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Scribner	85	3596	42.3	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
DelGreco	0	34/36	9/12	61
Coffman	9	0/0	0/0	54

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	26-18	14-29-2
Combined Spread Record	23-20-1	20-24-1
Favorite Spread Record	16-11-1	3-7
Underdog Spread Record	7-9	17-17-1

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at Chicago	(+3½)	W	3-6
	9	New Orleans	(−3)	W	28-19
	16	Tampa Bay	(−2)	L	10-21
	23	at Minnesota	(+2)	L*	21-27
O.	1	New England	(+8½)	W	27-14
	7	at Atlanta	(+6)	L	7-25
	14	Detroit	(−3)	W	24-16
	21	at Tampa Bay	(+6)	L	3-21
	28	at Miami	(+10½)	L	7-27
N.	4	N.Y. Jets	(+3½)	L	22-27
	11	Minnesota	(−2½)	W	19-7
	18	at Buffalo	(+6)	L	12-19
	25	Philadelphia	(+4)	L	10-21
D.	2	at Washington	(+9)	L	21-38
	9	Chicago	(+3½)	W	14-15
	15	at Detroit	(+3½)	W	18-13

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	1-7
Combined Spread Record	5-3	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	3-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-2	2-6



When able to play, Eddie Lee Ivery averaged 5.6 yards per carry for Pack.

Austin's Edges

- **The Pack is a steady loser as an away dog on natural grass, only 18-28 vs the points since 1969.**
- **The Green Bay-Detroit series is death to the home favorite, only 7-16 the last 15 years.**
- **The Packers are 7-3 as a home dog of less than three since '69.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	New England
	15		N.Y. Giants
	22		N.Y. Jets (Milw.)
	29	at	St. Louis
O.	6		Detroit
	13		Minnesota (Milw.)
	21	at	Chicago (Mon.)
	27	at	Indianapolis
N.	3		Chicago
	10	at	Minnesota
	17		New Orleans (Milw.)
	24	at	L.A. Rams
D.	1		Tampa Bay
	8		Miami
	15	at	Detroit
	22	at	Tampa Bay

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	St. Louis	(−3)	L	24-23
	9	at L.A. Raiders	(+7)	L	7-28
	16	Chicago	(−1)	L	7-9
	23	at Dallas	(+6½)	L	6-20
	30	at Tampa Bay	(+3)	P	27-30
O.	7	San Diego	(+3)	L	28-34
	15	at Denver (Mon.)	(+6)	W	14-17
	21	Seattle (Milw.)	(+1)	L	24-30
	28	Detroit	(−3)	W	41-9
N.	4	at New Orleans	(+2)	W	23-13
	11	Minnesota (Milw.)	(−6½)	W	45-17
	18	L.A. Rams (Milw.)	(−2½)	W	31-6
	22	at Detroit	(−4)	L	28-31
D.	2	Tampa Bay	(−6)	W	27-14
	9	at Chicago	(PK)	W	20-14
	16	at Minnesota	(−7½)	W	38-14

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-3-1
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	2-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-2	2-2-1

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at Houston (OT)	(−4½)	L	41-38
	11	Pittsburgh	(−1)	L	21-25
	18	L.A. Rams (Mil.)	(−3)	P	27-24
	26	at N.Y.G. (Mon.)	(+2)	L	3-27
O.	2	Tampa Bay	(−6)	W	55-14
	9	at Detroit	(−1½)	L	14-38
	17	Wash. (Mon.)	(+4½)	W	48-47
	23	Minnesota	(−2)	L	17-20
	30	at Cincinnati	(+1)	L	14-34
N.	6	Cleveland (Mil.)	(−2)	W	35-21
	13	at Minnesota	(+2½)	W	29-21
	20	Det. (Mil.) (OT)	(−4)	L	30-23
	27	at Atlanta (OT)	(+2)	L	41-47
D.	4	Chicago	(−2½)	W	31-28
	12	at Tampa Bay (Mon.)	(−5)	L	12-9
	18	at Chicago	(+2½)	W	21-23

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-3-1	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	3-3-1	0-3
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	2-3

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Chicago	(+4)	W*	12-6
	14	Detroit	(+5)	L	7-29
	21	at Los Angeles	(+13½)	L	21-51
	28	Dallas	(+10)	L	7-28
O.	5	Cincinnati	(+7)	W	14-9
	12	at Tampa Bay	(+6½)	W*	14-14
	19	at Cleveland	(+7)	W	21-26
	26	Minnesota	(−1)	W	16-3
N.	2	at Pittsburgh	(+13½)	W	20-22
	9	San Francisco	(−4)	W	23-16
	16	at N.Y. Giants	(−2½)	L	21-27
	23	at Minnesota	(+7)	W	25-13
	30	Tampa Bay	(−4½)	L	17-20
D.	7	at Chicago	(+6)	L	7-61
	14	Houston	(+6½)	L	3-22
	21	at Detroit	(+6½)	L	3-24

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	1-6-1
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-3	4-3

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at Chicago	(+4)	W	16-9
	13	Atlanta	(+4½)	L	17-31
	20	at Los Angeles	(+7)	L	23-35
	27	Minn. (Milw.)	(−3)	L	13-30
O.	4	at N.Y. Giants	(+3½)	W	27-14
	11	Tampa Bay	(−3½)	L	10-21
	18	S.F. (Milw.)	(+1)	L	3-13
	25	at Detroit	(+5)	W	27-31
N.	1	Seattle	(−4)	W	34-24
	8	N.Y.G. (Milw.)	(+1)	L	3-13
	15	Chicago	(−3½)	W	21-17
	22	at Tampa Bay	(+3)	L	3-37
	29	at Minnesota	(+7)	W	35-23
D.	6	Detroit	(+2½)	W	31-17
	13	at New Orleans	(−3½)	W	35-7
	20	at N.Y. Jets	(+3½)	L	3-28

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	4-4
Combined Spread Record	3-5	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-2	4-3

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	LA Rams (Mil.)	(+1)	W	35-23
	20	at N.Y. Giants	(+3)	W	28-19
	26	Miami			
O.	3	Philadelphia			
	10	at Chicago			
	17	Tampa Bay			
	24	at Minnesota			
	31	Chicago			
N.	7	at Tampa Bay			
	14	at Detroit			
	21	Minn. (Milw.)	(−2)	W	26-7
	28	at N.Y. Jets	(+3½)	L	13-15
D.	5	Buffalo	(−2½)	W	33-21
	12	Detroit	(−5½)	L	10-30
	19	at Baltimore	(−7)	L	20-20
	26	at Atlanta	(+4)	W	38-7
J.	2	at Detroit	(−1)	L	24-27

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-1	2-2-1
Combined Spread Record	3-1	3-2
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	0-2
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	3-0

HOUSTON Oilers

The pieces may finally be falling into place for the Oilers. The offense started to jell down the stretch with a unit that does not have a single starter with more than three seasons of NFL experience to his credit. Quarterback Warren Moon, an ex-CFL product, is the elder statesman of the group at 28.

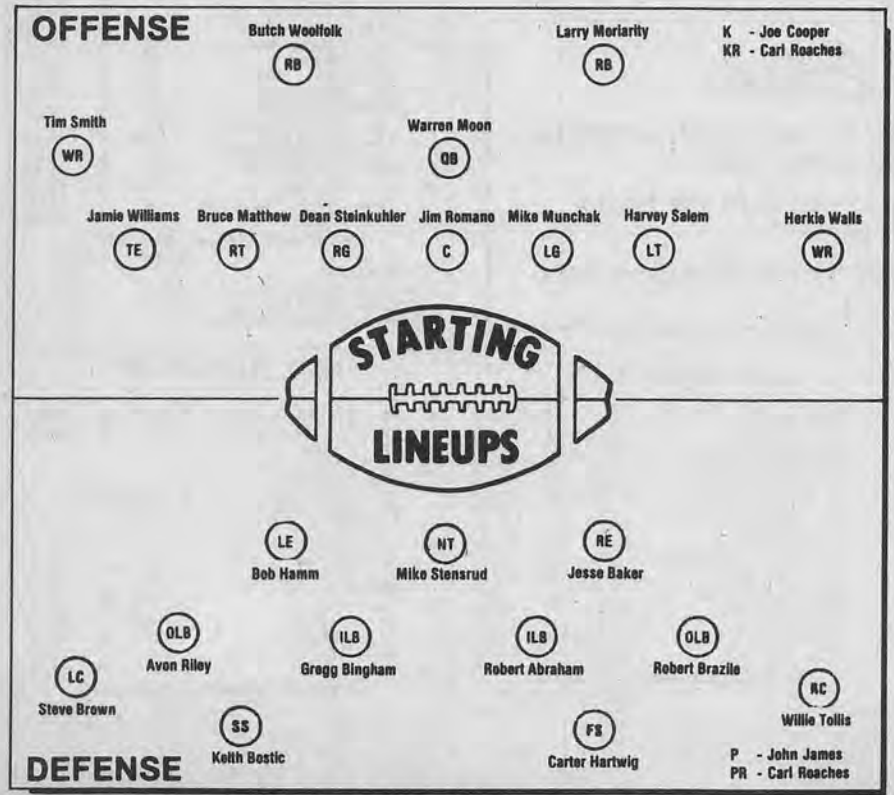
And the defense, which was atrocious more often than not in '84, greatly helped itself via a pair of first round draft choices. Given Houston's presence in the AFC Central Division, now the weakest link in the NFL, the Oilers might be ready to make a bold move. A great deal will depend on how Hugh Campbell's star-studded line plays. Mike Munchak already has recognized his potential, earning a trip to the Pro Bowl last year. If other heralded horses like Dean Steinkuhler, Harvey Salem and Bruce Matthews can do likewise, the Oilers (and running back Larry Moriarity) should be off and running. And, of course, an improved running game would help Moon eclipse Houston's problems with passing the football, as well.

Defensively, most scouts feel the Oilers got a great prospect in statewide hero Ray Childress, a pass-rusher of an end from Texas A&M. Childress may not have the natural ability of Buffalo's Bruce Smith, the overall top pick, but some scouts rated him higher because of his consistently positive attitude and the fact that he never dogged it. Another who will help is cornerback Richard Johnson, a pure man-for-man coverage guy who will aid a secondary that was a surprising 11th against the pass last year in the NFL. Of course, teams found running on the Oilers so easy that they didn't have to pass that much. Childress and Johnson may help change that.

The Oilers also have to start looking for a couple of linebackers to replace Robert Brazile and Gregg Bingham, two aging, but wise defenders.

Carl Roaches is an excellent return man and the kicking game is solid, if unspectacular with Joe Cooper and John James.

If the Oilers were in almost any other division, their chances would be nil. However, given the mere mortality of the Steelers and Bengals of late, plus the mediocrity of the Browns, it wouldn't take much for the Oilers to make a big move in the AFC Central Division this year.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	OILERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	284	345
NET RUSH	1656	2789
Avg. Per Game	103.5	174.3
NET PASS	3228	3179
Att./Comp.	487/282	447/271
Had Int.	15	13
Avg. Per Game	201.8	198.7
PUNTS/AVG.	88/39.6	64/42.2
Punt Returns/Yds.	26/152	60/618
Avg. Per Return	5.8	10.3
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	69/1352	52/986
Avg. Per Return	19.6	19.0
FUMBLES/LOST	36/16	24/11
FIELD GOALS	15/19	22/30
PATS	27/27	51/53
TOTAL POINTS	240	437

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Moon	450/259	14	3338	12
Luck	36/22	1	256	2
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Smith	69	1141	16.5	4
Williams	41	545	13.3	3
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Tullis	4	48	12.0	0
Hartwig	3	23	7.3	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Moriarity	189	785	4.2	6
Edwards	60	267	4.5	1
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
James	88	3482	39.6	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Cooper	0	13/13	11/13	46
Moriarity	7	0/0	0/0	42

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	22-23	13-31
Combined Spread Record	20-23-1	14-27-2
Favorite Spread Record	10-13-1	5-5-2
Underdog Spread Record	10-10	9-22

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at Washington	(−4½)	L	29-27
	9	at Pittsburgh	(+6)	L	7-38
	16	Kansas City	(NL)		20-6
	23	at Cincinnati	(−3)	P	30-27
	30	Cleveland	(−5½)	W	31-10
O.	7	St. Louis	(−7½)	L	17-24
	14	at Baltimore	(−5½)	W	28-16
	21	at Seattle	(−2½)	L	14-34
	28	N.Y. Jets	(−6½)	L*	27-24
N.	5	at Miami	(+3½)	W	9-5
	11	Oakland	(−3)	W	31-17
	18	Cincinnati	(−7)	W	42-21
	22	at Dallas	(+3½)	W	30-24
D.	2	at Cleveland	(+1½)	L	7-14
	10	Pittsburgh	(+3½)	W	20-17
	16	Philadelphia	(−4)	L	20-26

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	4-3	3-4-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	1-2-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	2-2



Tim Smith led the Oilers in receptions, grabbing 69 aerials last season.

Feist's Factors

- **Houston is a sensational 11-3 vs points as home dog of 10 or more since 1969.**
- **Oilers play Shula's Dolphins tough, holding 6-3 pointspread edge the last 16 years.**
- **Houston is a dismal 31-52 as an away underdog over the course of 16 seasons.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Miami
	15	at	Washington
	22	at	Pittsburgh
	29		Dallas
O.	6	at	Denver
	13		Cleveland
	20		Cincinnati
	27	at	St. Louis
N.	3		Kansas City
	10	at	Buffalo
	17		Pittsburgh
	24		San Diego
D.	1	at	Cincinnati
	8		N.Y. Giants
	15	at	Cleveland
	22	at	Indianapolis

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	L.A. Raiders	(+6)	L	14-24
	9	Indianapolis	(−6½)	L	21-35
	16 at	San Diego	(+10½)	L	14-31
	23 at	Atlanta	(+8½)	L	10-42
	30	New Orleans	(+5½)	L	10-27
O.	7 at	Cincinnati	(+7)	L	3-13
	14 at	Miami	(+18)	L	10-28
	21	San Fran.	(+10½)	L	21-34
	28	Cincinnati	(+3½)	L	13-31
N.	4 at	Pittsburgh	(+13½)	L	10-35
	11 at	Kansas City	(+13½)	W	17-16
	18	N.Y. Jets	(+4½)	W	31-20
	25 at	Cleveland	(+6½)	L	10-27
D.	2	Pittsburgh (OT)	(+7)	W	23-20
	9 at	L.A. Rams	(+11½)	W	16-27
	16	Cleveland	(−2)	L	20-27

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	1-7
Combined Spread Record	2-6	2-5
Favorite Spread Record	0-2	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-4	2-5

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Green Bay (OT)	(+4½)	W	38-41
	11 at	L.A. Raiders	(+11)	L	6-20
	18	Pittsburgh	(+5½)	L	28-40
	25 at	Buffalo	(+7)	L	13-30
O.	2 at	Pittsburgh	(+11)	W	10-17
	9	Denver	(+1½)	L	14-26
	16 at	Minnesota	(+9)	L	14-34
	23	Kansas City	(+4)	W	10-13
	30 at	Cleveland	(+8½)	W	19-25
N.	6	Cincinnati	(+4)	L	14-55
	13	Detroit	(+6½)	W	27-17
	20 at	Cincinnati	(+9)	L	10-38
	27 at	Tampa Bay	(+2)	L	24-33
D.	4	Miami	(+10)	W	17-24
	11	Cleveland	(+6)	W	34-27
	18 at	Baltimore	(+4½)	L	10-20

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	0-8
Combined Spread Record	5-3	1-7
Favorite Spread Record	0-0	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	5-3	1-7

1980 RESULTS

S.	7 at	Pittsburgh	(+6½)	L	17-31
	15 at	Cleveland	(−3)	W	16-7
	21	Baltimore	(−6½)	L	21-16
	28 at	Cincinnati	(−3)	P	13-10
O.	5	Seattle	(−7)	L	7-26
	12 at	Kansas City	(−5)	L	20-21
	19	Tampa Bay	(−9)	L	20-14
	26	Cincinnati	(−6)	W	23-3
N.	2 at	Denver	(−3½)	W	20-16
	10	New England	(−3½)	W	38-34
	16 at	Chicago	(−3½)	W	10-6
	23 at	N.Y. Jets	(−6)	L*	28-31
	30	Cleveland	(−3½)	L	14-17
D.	4	Pitt. (Thurs.)	(−2½)	W	6-0
	14 at	Green Bay	(−6½)	W	22-3
	21	Minnesota	(−10)	L	20-16

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-3-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-5	4-2-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	6 at	Los Angeles	(+6)	W	27-20
	13 at	Cleveland	(+3½)	W	9-3
	20	Miami	(−2½)	L	10-16
	27 at	N.Y. Jets	(−3½)	L	17-33
O.	4	Cincinnati	(−3½)	W	17-10
	11	Seattle	(−7)	W	35-17
	18 at	New England	(+3½)	L	10-38
	26 at	Pitts. (Mon.)	(+5½)	L	13-26
N.	1 at	Cincinnati	(+4)	L	21-34
	8	Oakland	(PK)	W	17-16
	15 at	Kansas City	(+5)	L	10-23
	22	New Orleans	(−5)	L	24-27
	29	Atlanta	(+4½)	W	27-31
D.	3	Cleve. (Thur.)	(−2)	W	17-13
	13 at	San Francisco	(+4)	L	6-28
	20	Pittsburgh	(−1)	P	21-20

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	2-6
Combined Spread Record	5-2-1	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	4-2-1	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	2-5

1982 RESULTS

S.	12 at	Cincinnati	(+7½)	L	6-27
	19	Seattle	(−3)	L	23-21
	26	Buffalo			
O.	3 at	N.Y. Jets			
	10 at	Kansas City			
	17	Denver			STRIKE
	24	Washington			
	31 at	Cleveland			
N.	7 at	Pittsburgh			
	14	Cincinnati			
	21	Pittsburgh	(+6½)	L	10-24
	28 at	New England	(+3½)	L	21-29
D.	5 at	Giants	(+7)	W	14-17
	13	Dallas (Mon.)	(+9½)	L	7-37
	19 at	Philadelphia	(+6)	L	14-35
	26	Cleveland	(+4½)	L	14-20
J.	2	Cincinnati	(+10)	W	27-35

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-4	0-4
Combined Spread Record	1-4	1-3
Favorite Spread Record	0-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-3	1-3

INDIANAPOLIS Colts

Rod Dowhower, who as been associated with such high-flying attacks as the St. Louis Cardinals under Air Coryell, and his own 1979 Stanford club, will try and resurrect a Colt attack that came up lame last year. It won't be easy. Dowhower will have to deal with an aerial game that ranked 28th and dead last in the NFL last year, and he'll have to do it with either Mike Pagel or Art Schlichter, neither of whom have shown the consistency needed at quarterback if Indianapolis is to have a winner.

"We will work with the quarterbacks, extensively," said Dowhower. "I will learn enough about our quarterbacks to go ahead and select a starter and stick with him."

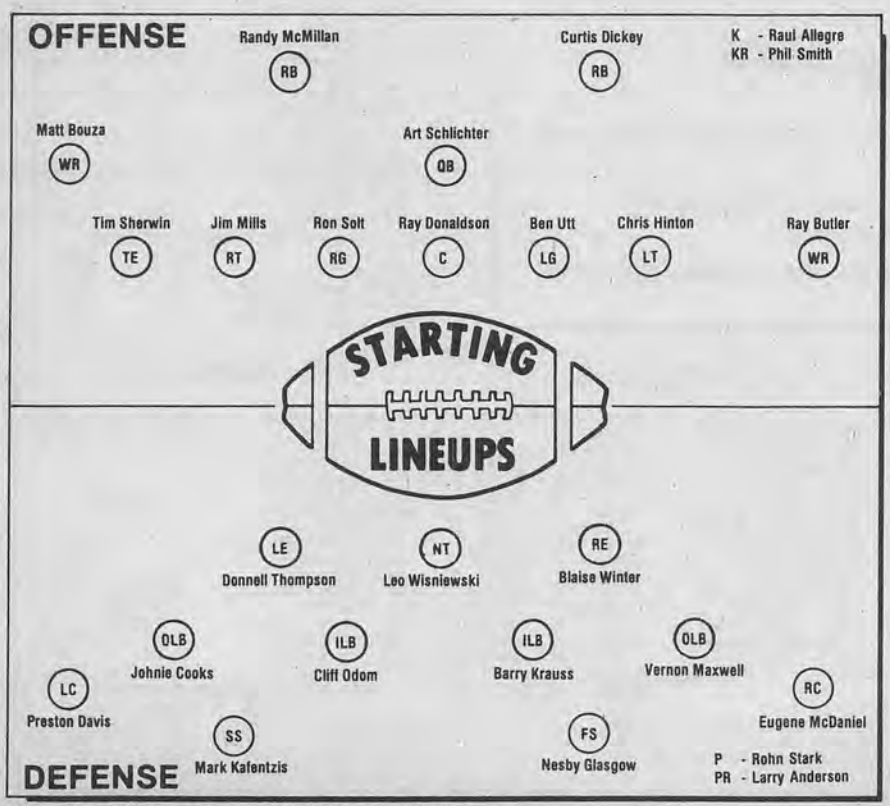
The Colt aerial game also would be aided by better run production. Last year Indianapolis ranked 12th in rushing the football, not bad, but not up to the 2nd place finish of '83. Of course, Curtis Dickey was healthy in '83, something he wasn't last year. The Colts also are looking forward to having a healthy Chris Hinton back in the starting lineup. In 1983, Hinton became the only rookie lineman to ever earn a starting assignment in the Pro Bowl. He missed 10 games last season with a broken fibula.

The Colt defense also could stand some improvement ranking just 22nd overall in the League last year. The unit produced 42 sacks, but only 13 of them came from the front threesome of Donnell Thompson, Leo Wisniewski and Blaise Winter. The linebacking corps did most of the damage, outside stopper Johnie Cooks recording 11½ sacks, although just 1½ of them came in the final 10 games.

The secondary may have uncovered a new star in cornerback Eugene Daniel, whose six interceptions tied him with Kansas City's Kevin Ross for the most by a rookie. Nesby Glasgow also played well, but the Colts could use help here, too.

The Colts' kicking specialists possess the talent to rank among the League's top performers. Punter Rohn Stark led the NFL in 1983 and finished second last season. Kicker Raul Allegre was bothered by a hamstring pull last year but has hit on 41-of-53 career field goals, including seven-of-11 from 50 yards and out.

A healthy Dickey and Hinton will help the Colts, but Dowhower just doesn't have the personnel for Indianapolis to win many more games than it did a year ago.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	COLTS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	255	343
NET RUSH	2025	2007
Avg. Per Game	126.6	125.4
NET PASS	2107	3570
Att./Comp.	411/206	515/298
Had Int.	22	18
Avg. Per Game	131.7	223.1
PUNTS/AVG.	98/44.7	80/42.0
Punt Returns/Yds.	38/278	62/600
Avg. Per Return	7.3	9.7
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	69/1331	42/849
Avg. Per Return	19.3	20.2
FUMBLES/LOST	35/17	29/13
FIELD GOALS	14/23	21/23
PATS	27/28	47/50
TOTAL POINTS	239	414

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Pagel	212/114	8	1426	8
Schlichter	140/62	7	702	3
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Butler	43	664	15.4	6
Porter	39	590	15.1	2
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Daniel	6	25	4.2	0
Randle	3	66	22.0	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
McMillan	163	705	4.3	5
Dickey	131	523	4.0	3
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Stark	98	4383	44.7	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Allegre	0	14/14	11/18	47
Butler	6	0/0	0/0	36

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

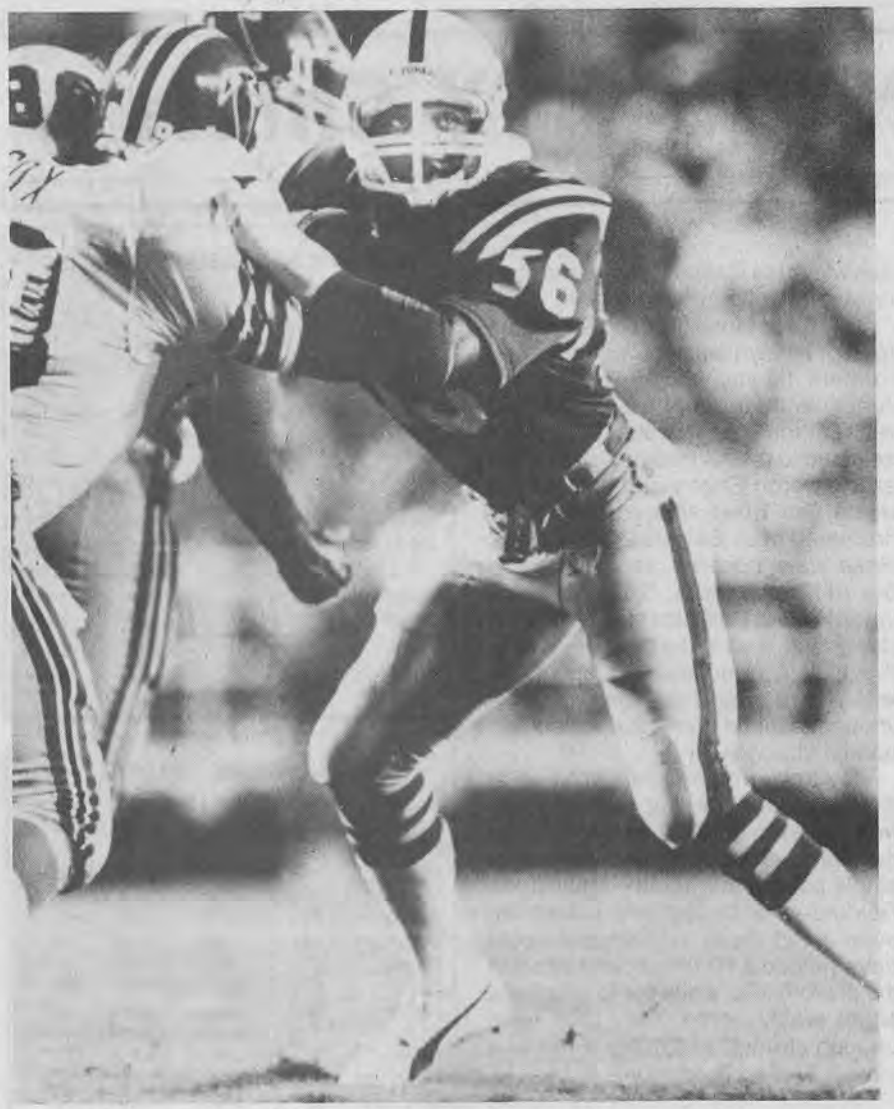
	Home	Away
Actual Record	11-32-1	14-31
Combined Spread Record	16-29	23-22
Favorite Spread Record	5-10	0-2
Underdog Spread Record	11-19	23-20

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at Kansas City	(+2)	L	0-14
	9	Tampa Bay	(−1½)	L	26-29
	16	at Cleveland	(+7½)	W	10-13
	23	at Pittsburgh	(+13)	W	13-17
	30	Buffalo	(−2½)	L	13-31
O.	7	N.Y. Jets	(+2½)	W	10-8
	14	Houston	(+5½)	L	16-28
	21	at Buffalo	(+6½)	W	14-13
	28	New England	(+5)	W	31-26
N.	4	Cincinnati	(−2½)	W	38-28
	11	at Miami	(+6½)	L	0-19
	18	at New England	(+11)	L	21-50
	25	Miami	(+3½)	L	24-28
D.	2	at N.Y. Jets	(+4½)	L	17-30
	9	Kansas City	(−2)	L	7-10
	16	at N.Y. Giants	(+6½)	W	31-7

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	2-6
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-3	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-2	4-4



Vernon Maxwell's hand-to-hand combat produced 8½ sacks last season.

Austin's Edges

- **Indianapolis is 2-8, since 1969, as a favorite vs teams from the NFC Central.**
- **The Colts are a meager 5-12 as a home favorite against teams from the NFC.**
- **Indy has its problems vs the AFC West, holding a 5-12 mark vs the points as a dog against that division.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	Pittsburgh
	15	at	Miami
	22		Detroit
	29	at	N.Y. Jets
O.	6		Buffalo
	13		Denver
	20	at	Buffalo
	27		Green Bay
N.	3		N.Y. Jets
	10	at	New England
	17		Miami
	24	at	Kansas City
D.	1		New England
	8	at	Chicago
	15	at	Tampa Bay
	22		Houston

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	N.Y. Jets	(+2)	L	14-23
	9	at Houston	(+6½)	W	35-21
	16	St. Louis	(+5½)	W	33-34
	23	at Miami	(+10½)	L	7-44
	30	Buffalo	(−3)	W	31-17
O.	7	Washington	(+8)	L	7-35
	14	at Philadelphia	(+6)	L	7-16
	21	Pittsburgh	(+5)	W	17-16
	28	at Dallas	(+10)	L	3-22
N.	4	San Diego	(+4½)	L	10-38
	11	at N.Y. Jets	(+9)	W	9-5
	18	New England	(+6½)	L	17-50
	25	at L.A. Raiders	(+15)	W	7-21
D.	2	at Buffalo	(+3)	L	15-21
	9	Miami	(+14)	L	17-35
	16	at New England	(+10½)	W	10-16

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	2-6
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-0	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-5	4-4

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at New Eng. (OT)	(+6)	W	29-23
	11	Denver	(+2½)	L	10-17
	18	at Buffalo	(+6)	W	23-28
	25	Chicago (OT)	(+2)	W	22-19
O.	2	at Cincinnati	(+6)	W	34-31
	9	New England	(−1)	W	12-7
	16	Buffalo	(PK)	L	7-30
	23	Miami	(+3½)	L	7-21
	30	at Philadelphia	(+5)	W	22-21
N.	6	at N.Y. Jets	(+6½)	W	17-14
	13	Pittsburgh	(+3½)	L	13-24
	20	at Miami	(+9)	L	0-37
	27	at Cleveland	(+6)	L	23-41
D.	4	N.Y. Jets	(+5)	W	6-10
	11	at Denver	(+8)	W	19-21
	18	Houston	(−4½)	W	20-10

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	4-4
Combined Spread Record	4-4	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-3	6-2

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at N.Y. Jets	(+6)	W	17-14
	14	Pittsburgh	(+6½)	W	17-20
	21	at Houston	(+6½)	W	16-21
	28	N.Y. Jets	(−4½)	W	35-21
O.	5	at Miami	(+1½)	W	30-17
	12	at Buffalo	(+2½)	W	17-12
	19	New England	(−3)	L	21-37
	26	St. Louis	(−9)	L	10-17
N.	2	at Kansas City	(+2)	W	31-24
	9	Cleveland	(−3½)	L	27-28
	16	at Detroit	(−2½)	L	10-9
	23	at New England	(+6½)	L	21-47
	30	Buffalo	(+3)	W	28-24
D.	7	at Cincinati	(−2)	L	33-34
	14	Miami	(−3½)	L	14-24
	21	Kansas City	(−3½)	L	28-38

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	1-5	0-2
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	5-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at New England	(+6½)	W	29-28
	13	Buffalo	(+2½)	L	3-35
	20	at Denver	(+3)	L	10-28
	27	Miami	(+3)	L	28-31
O.	4	at Buffalo	(+7)	W	17-23
	11	Cincinnati	(−2)	L	19-41
	18	San Diego	(+5)	L	14-43
	25	at Cleveland	(+7)	L	28-42
N.	1	at Miami	(+7½)	L	10-27
	8	N.Y. Jets	(+4½)	L	14-41
	15	at Philadelphia	(+14)	L	13-38
	22	St. Louis	(+2)	L	24-35
	29	at N.Y. Jets	(+12)	L	0-25
D.	6	Dallas	(+13)	L	13-37
	13	at Washington	(+13½)	L	14-38
	20	New England	(+6)	W	23-21

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-7	1-7
Combined Spread Record	1-8	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	0-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-7	2-6

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	New England	(+3)	L	13-24
	19	at Miami	(+13)	W	20-24
	26	N.Y. Jets			
O.	3	at Detroit			
	10	Buffalo			
	17	at Cleveland			
	24	Miami	STRIKE		
	31	Tampa Bay			
N.	7	at New England			
	15	L.A. Raiders			
	21	at N.Y. Jets	(+8)	L	0-37
	28	at Buffalo	(+13)	L	0-20
D.	5	Cincinnati	(+14½)	W	17-20
	12	at Minnesota	(+12)	W	10-13
	19	Green Bay	(+7)	W	20-20
	26	at San Diego	(+13½)	L	26-44
J.	2	Miami	(+8)	L	7-34

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	0-3-1	0-5
Combined Spread Record	2-2	2-3
Favorite Spread Record	0-0	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-2	2-3

KANSAS CITY Chiefs

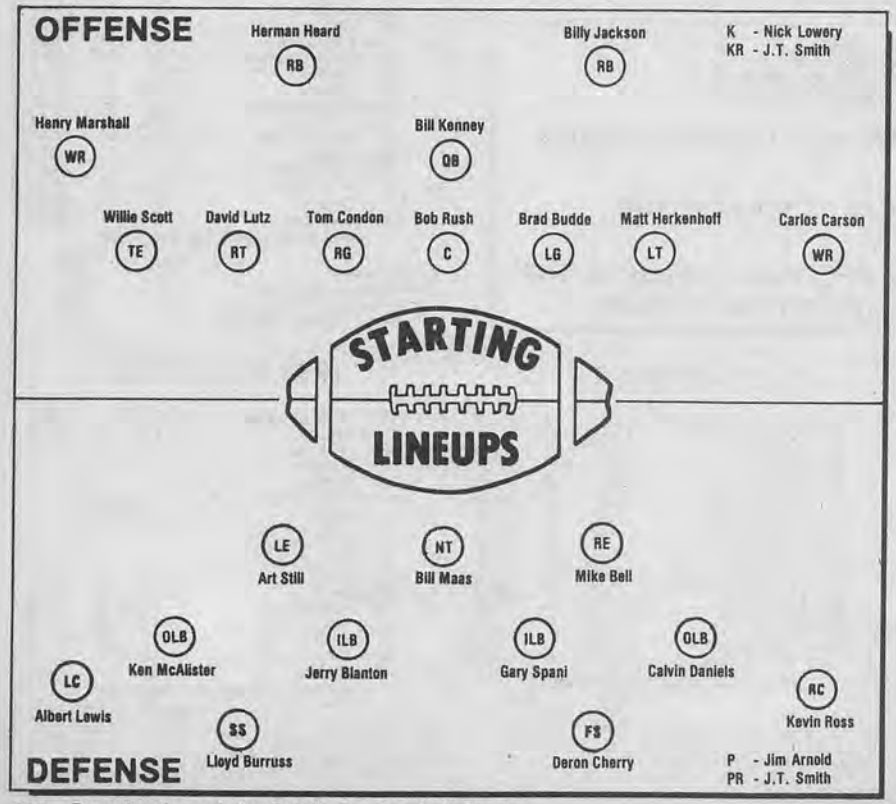
John Mackovic's club rallied to win its final three games last year to finish 8-8 and the Kansas City head coach feels that can't help but have a positive effect on his troops this year.

"I think what we did at the end of this past season will help," said Mackovic, "because we did finish with some good feelings. I do feel it is a significant foundation for not only 1985, but for many years to come. I say that because the overall age of our team is such that the real nucleus of our football team will not change much now for several years."

The offense seems well set at all positions--except running back. Herman Heard emerged as a solid runner by finishing 10th in the AFC last year, but the Chiefs got some bad news when it was learned that second-leading rusher Theotis Brown suffered a heart attack in February and will miss at least the '85 campaign. The Chiefs have been trying to develop a viable ground game to compliment the productive "Big Mack Attack" aerial game. Even without a running game, however, the passing attack, with quarterbacks Bill Kenney and Todd Blackledge, along with dangerous wideouts Carlos Carson and Henry Marshall, figures to flourish.

The defense grabbed some hurrahs of its own last year as three performers (if you include punter Jim Arnold in that group) gained All-AFC recognition and another two were selected to the All-Rookie squad. Free safety Deron Cherry and end Art Still made Pro Bowl appearances while first-year man Bill Maas and Kevin Ross were honored as members of the Al-Rookie team. Still, Maas and veteran Mike Bell form one of the best three-man lines in the League. Where the Chiefs need stability and leadership is at linebacker where different lineups resulted from injuries and personnel changes.

Although the Chiefs finished at 8-8, the team was not really that far from a playoff berth when one realizes that three of those losses were by a single point and a fourth--against the Raiders--was by just two points. An even slit of those cliffhangers would have yielded a 10-6 mark and a spot in the playoffs. So, while the Chiefs have some weaknesses, they also have enough strengths to make a run at a playoff berth this season.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	CHIEFS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	295	335
NET RUSH	1527	1982
Avg. Per Game	95.4	123.9
NET PASS	3568	3645
Att./Comp.	593/305	586/329
Had Int.	22	30
Avg. Per Game	223.0	227.8
PUNTS/AVG.	98/44.9	91/40.0
Punt Returns/Yds.	43/346	60/461
Avg. Per Return	8.0	7.7
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	56/1061	64/1354
Avg. Per Return	18.9	21.2
FUMBLES/LOST	34/15	18/11
FIELD GOALS	23/33	19/27
PATS	35/35	37/38
TOTAL POINTS	314	324

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Kenney	282/151	10	2098	15
Blackledge	294/147	11	1707	6
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Marshall	62	912	14.7	4
Carson	57	1078	18.9	4
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Cherry	7	140	20.0	0
Ross	6	124	20.7	1
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Heard	165	684	4.1	4
Brown	97	337	3.5	4
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Arnold	98	4397	44.9	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Lowery	0	35/35	23/33	104

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SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

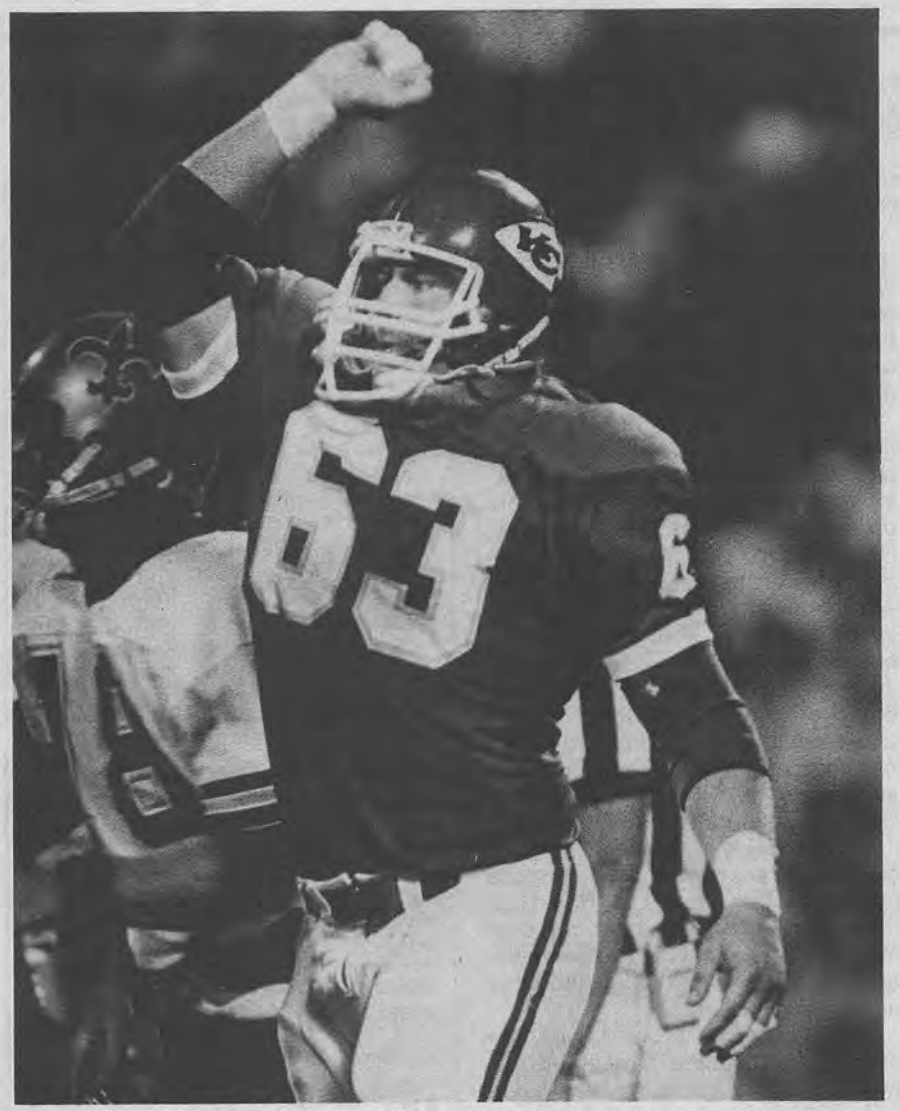
	Home	Away
Actual Record	23-21	18-27
Combined Spread Record	23-21	26-18
Favorite Spread Record	11-15	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	12-6	25-16

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Baltimore	(−2)	W	14-0
	9	Cleveland	(+1)	L	24-27
	16	at Houston	(NL)		6-20
	23	Oakland	(PK)	W	35-7
	30	at Seattle	(+6½)	W	24-6
O.	7	at Cincinnati	(−1)	W	10-7
	14	Denver	(−2½)	L	10-24
	21	N.Y. Giants	(−6)	L	17-21
	28	at Denver	(+6)	L	3-20
N.	4	San Diego	(+6½)	W	14-20
	11	Pittsburgh	(+10)	L	3-30
	18	at Oakland	(+10)	W	24-21
	25	at San Diego	(+10)	L	7-28
D.	2	Seattle	(+2½)	W	37-21
	9	at Baltimore	(+2)	W	10-7
	16	at Tampa Bay	(+4)	W	0-3

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	4-4
Combined Spread Record	4-4	5-2
Favorite Spread Record	2-2	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-2	4-2



The play of rookie Bill Maas had Chief opponents yelling "No Maas."

Feist's Factors

- **Kansas City is a stunning 23-13 as away underdog within its own AFC Western Division.**
- **Chiefs are only 3-8 as home favorite vs AFC East opponents, since '69.**
- **Kansas City is only 8-16 as a favorite vs NFC teams the past 16 seasons.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	New Orleans
	12		L.A. Raiders (Thurs.)
	22	at	Miami
	29		Seattle
O.	6	at	L.A. Raiers
	13	at	San Diego
	20		L.A. Rams
	27		Denver
N.	3	at	Houston
	10		Pittsburgh
	17	at	San Francisco
	24		Indianapolis
D.	1	at	Seattle
	8		Atlanta
	14	at	Denver (Sat.)
	22		San Diego

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Pittsburgh	(+6)	W	37-27
	9	at Cincinnati	(+5)	W	27-22
	16	L.A. Raiders	(+3½)	W	20-22
	23	at Denver	(PK)	L	0-21
	30	Cleveland	(−5)	L	10-6
O.	7	N.Y. Jets	(−5)	L	16-17
	14	San Diego	(+2½)	W	31-13
	21	at N.Y. Jets	(+1)	L	7-28
	28	Tampa Bay	(−6)	L	24-20
N.	4	at Seattle	(+5½)	L	0-45
	11	Houston	(−13½)	L	16-17
	18	at L.A. Raiders	(+9)	L	7-17
	25	at N.Y. Giants	(+6½)	W	27-28
D.	2	Denver	(+4½)	W	16-13
	9	Seattle	(+4½)	W	34-7
	16	at San Diego	(+2)	W	42-21

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	0-4	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	4-0	4-3

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Seattle	(−1½)	W	17-13
	12	San Die. (Mon.)	(+4)	W	14-17
	18	at Washington	(+7)	L	12-27
	25	at Miami	(+7½)	L	6-14
O.	2	St. Louis	(−3)	W	38-14
	9	at L.A. Raiders	(+9)	W	20-21
	16	N.Y. Giants	(−2)	W	38-17
	23	at Houston	(−4)	L	13-10
	30	at Denver	(+2½)	L	24-27
N.	6	L.A. Raiders	(+3½)	L	20-28
	13	Cincinnati	(+2½)	W	20-15
	20	at Dallas	(+9)	L	21-41
	27	at Seattle	(+3½)	W	48-51
D.	4	Buffalo	(−2)	L	9-14
	11	at San Diego	(+4)	W	38-41
	18	Denver	(−1)	W	48-17

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	1-7
Combined Spread Record	6-2	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	4-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	4-4

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Oakland	(−3½)	L	14-27
	14	Seattle	(−2)	L	16-17
	21	at Cleveland	(+3½)	L	13-20
	28	San Diego	(+6)	L	7-24
O.	5	at Oakland	(+7)	W	31-17
	12	Houston	(+5)	W	21-10
	19	at Denver	(+4)	W	23-17
	26	Detroit	(−3½)	L	20-17
N.	2	Baltimore	(−2)	L	24-31
	9	at Seattle	(+3)	W	31-30
	16	at San Diego	(+7½)	L	7-20
	23	at St. Louis	(+1)	W	21-13
	30	Cincinnati	(−7)	L	6-20
D.	7	Denver	(−2)	W	31-14
	14	at Pittsburgh	(+8)	W	16-21
	21	at Baltimore	(+3½)	W	38-28

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	5-3
Combined Spread Record	2-6	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-5	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	6-2

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at Pittsburgh	(+9½)	W	37-33
	13	Tampa Bay	(−6½)	W	19-10
	20	San Diego	(+2½)	L	31-42
	27	at Seattle	(+5)	W	20-14
O.	4	at New England	(+1)	L	17-33
	11	Oakland	(PK)	W	27-0
	18	Denver	(+2)	W	28-14
	25	at Oakland	(+3)	W	28-17
N.	1	at San Diego	(+6)	W	20-22
	8	Chicago	(18)	L*	13-16
	15	Houston	(−5)	W	23-10
	22	Seattle	(−7½)	W	40-13
	26	at Det.(Thanks.)	(+2½)	L	10-27
D.	6	at Denver	(+3½)	W	13-16
	13	Miami	(−1½)	L	7-17
	20	at Minnesota	(+3)	W	10-6

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	5-3	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	6-2

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at Buffalo	(+3½)	L	9-14
	19	San Diego	(+3)	W	19-12
	23	Atlanta (Thurs.)			
O.	3	at Seattle			
	10	Houston			
	17	at San Diego			
	24	N.Y. Jets			
	31	Seattle			
N.	7	at L.A. Raiders			
	14	Denver			
	21	at New Orleans	(−3)	L	17-27
	28	at Los Angeles	(+2½)	L	14-20
D.	5	at Pittsburgh	(+6½)	L	14-35
	12	L.A. Raiders	(+3)	L	16-21
	19	at Denver	(+6½)	W	37-16
	26	San Francisco	(PK)	L	13-26
J.	2	N.Y. Jets	(+5)	W	37-13

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-2	1-4
Combined Spread Record	2-2	1-4
Favorite Spread Record	0-1	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	1-3

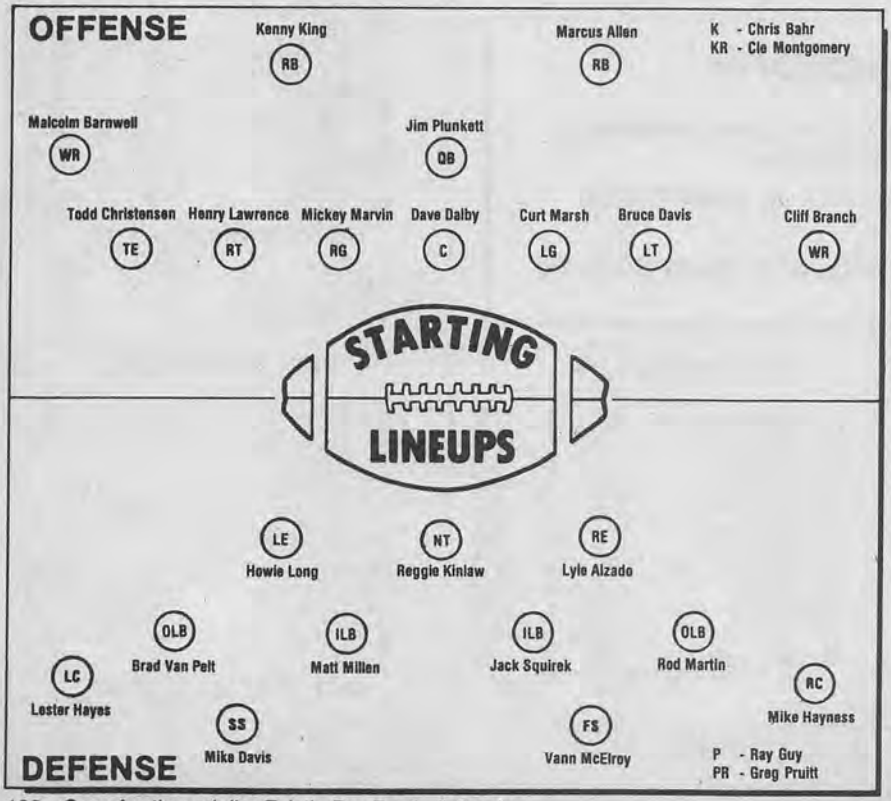
LOS ANGELES Raiders

After winning Super Bowl XVIII in a rout, the Raiders looked like a surething for another trip to the Super Bowl last year but came up short, being bounced from the playoffs in Seattle by the Seahawks. Now the Raiders are regarded as mere mortals, or, just your basic Super Bowl contender. In other words, don't be surprised if Los Angeles does get there this year, but don't make any reservations yet, either. Al Davis and his braintrust still have a few questions to answer. Like, can Jim Plunkett, Cliff Branch, Dave Dalby and Henry Lawrence summón another year from their battered bodies so the Raider offense can match strides again with the defense? Plunkett, it seems, has the hard-nosed attitude that Davis loves, but Marc Wilson has the arm. Which is better? It's a decision Head Coach Tom Flores battles with every week. Branch also has slowed down, and Dalby and Lawrence have long passed to the wrong side of 30. Nevertheless, the Raider offense is far from impotent. First round draft choice Jessie Hester might be an instant remedy for Branch, and there's Dokie Willams (23.1 yards per catch last year) to contend with, too. Don Mosebar would ease the concern up front if his back would stop giving him problems. Even with these concerns, the Raiders still have Marcus Allen and Todd Christensen--a pair of Pro Bowlers--and can't be taken lightly offensively.

No one takes the Raider defense lightly. L.A. led the AFC in sacks and was ranked third in overall defense in the NFL in '84. Five defenders--Lester Hayes, Mike Haynes, Howie Long, Rod Martin and Van McElroy went to the Pro Bowl and they are hardly any chinks in the armor. Lyle Alzado is no youngster, it's true, but the presence of Bill Pickel, Sean Jones and Greg Townsend leaves little doubt that his eventual retirement won't decimate the club. The linebacking crew also is deep, and any secondary that includes three Pro Bowlers, can't be all bad.

The Raiders also have fine special teams, ranking among the League leaders in kick coverage. Ray Guy, meanwhile, may have been the best No. 1 draft choice Al Davis ever made, and Chris Bahr is more than adequate as the placekicker.

The Raiders are still, well, the Raiders, and that's almost always been good enough for a playoff spot.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	RAIDERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	301	297
NET RUSH	1886	1892
Avg. Per Game	117.9	118.3
NET PASS	3358	2752
Att./Comp.	491/266	508/254
Had Int.	28	20
Avg. Per Game	209.9	172.0
PUNTS/AVG.	91/41.9	117/43.3
Punt Returns/Yds.	67/667	34/345
Avg. Per Return	10.0	10.1
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	56/1216	61/1064
Avg. Per Return	21.7	17.4
FUMBLES/LOST	42/20	28/14
FIELD GOALS	20/27	17/21
PATS	40/44	29/33
TOTAL POINTS	368	278

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Wilson	282/153	17	2151	15
Plunkett	198/102	10	1473	6
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Christensen	80	1007	12.6	7
Allen	64	758	11.8	5
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Haynes	6	220	36.6	1
McElroy	4	42	10.5	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Allen	275	1168	4.2	13
Hawkins	108	376	3.5	3
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Guy	91	3809	41.9	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Allen	18	0/0	0/0	108
Bahr	0	40/42	20/27	100

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	32-12	26-19
Combined Spread Record	22-22	25-18-2
Favorite Spread Record	17-21	10-12-1
Underdog Spread Record	5-1	15-6-1

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at Los Angeles	(+4½)	W	24-17
	9	at San Diego	(+3½)	L	10-30
	16	at Seattle	(+3)	L	10-27
	23	at Kansas City	(PK)	L	7-35
	30	Denver	(+3)	W	27-3
O.	8	Miami (Mon.)	(+1)	W	13-3
	14	Atlanta	(−6)	W	50-19
	21	at N.Y. Jets	(−3½)	L	19-28
	25	San Diego	(+2½)	W	45-22
N.	4	San Francisco	(−10½)	W	23-10
	11	at Houston	(+3)	L	17-31
	18	Kansas City	(−10)	L	21-24
	25	at Denver	(+7½)	W	14-10
D.	3	at New Orleans	(+3)	W	42-35
	9	Cleveland	(−2½)	W	19-14
	16	Seattle	(−8)	L	24-29

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	6-2	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	0-2
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	3-3



Marc Wilson again will battle Jim Plunkett for starting Raider QB spot.

Austin's Edges

- **The Raiders are a lacklustre 5-9 vs the points as an away favorite vs AFC East since 1969.**
- **The Raiders are 8-2 vs the spread at home on Monday Night Football.**
- **Los Angeles is 6-2 as an away underdog against the NFC.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		N.Y. Jets
	12	at	Kansas City (Thurs.)
	22		San Francisco
	29	at	New England
O.	6		Kansas City
	13		New Orleans
	20	at	Cleveland
	28		San Diego (Mon.)
N.	3	at	Seattle
	10	at	San Diego
	17		Cincinnati
	24		Denver
D.	1	at	Atlanta
	8	at	Denver
	15		Seattle
	23	at	L.A. Rams (Mon.)

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Houston	(−6)	W	24-14
	9	Green Bay	(−7)	W	28-7
	26	at Kansas City	(−3½)	L	22-20
	24	San Die. (Mon.)	(−6)	L	33-30
	30	at Denver	(−4)	L	13-16
O.	7	Seattle	(−5)	W	28-14
	14	Minnesota	(−10)	L	23-20
	21	at San Diego	(−3)	W	44-37
	28	Denver	(−7)	L	19-22
N.	4	at Chicago	(−2)	L	6-17
	12	at Seattle (Mon.)	(+3½)	W	14-17
	18	Kansas City	(−9)	W	17-7
	25	Indianapolis	(−15)	L	21-7
D.	2	at Miami	(+3½)	W	45-34
	10	at Detroit (Mon.)	(+7)	W	24-3
	16	Pittsburgh40%	(−6½)	L	7-13

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	3-5	3-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-0

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at Cincinnati	(+2)	W	20-10
	11	Houston	(−11)	W	20-6
	19	Miami (Mon.)	(−2½)	W	27-14
	25	at Denver	(−4)	W	22-7
O.	2	at Washington	(+2)	P	35-37
	9	Kansas City	(−9)	L	21-20
	16	at Seattle	(−3)	L	36-38
	23	at Dallas	(+4)	W	40-38
	30	Seattle	(−7)	L	21-34
N.	6	at Kansas City	(−3½)	W	28-20
	13	Denver	(−7)	L	22-20
	20	at Buffalo	(−2½)	W	27-24
	27	N.Y. Giants	(−9½)	W	27-12
D.	1	at San Die. (Thurs.)	(−2)	W	42-10
	11	St. Louis	(−9)	L	24-34
	18	San Diego	(−8½)	W	30-14

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	6-2
Combined Spread Record	4-4	6-1-1
Favorite Spread Record	4-4	4-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-0-1

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at Kansas City	(+3½)	W	27-14
	14	at San Diego	(+7)	W*	24-30
	21	Washington	(−4)	L	24-21
	28	at Buffalo	(+2½)	L	7-24
O.	5	Kansas City	(−7)	L	17-31
	12	San Diego	(+5½)	W	38-24
	20	at Pittsburgh	(+10)	W	45-34
	26	Seattle	(−5)	W	33-14
N.	2	Miami	(−8)	L	16-10
	9	Cincinnati	(−7)	W	28-17
	17	at Seattle	(+2½)	L	19-17
	23	at Philadelphia	(+6)	W	7-10
D.	1	Denver	(−4)	W	9-3
	7	Dallas	(+2½)	L	13-19
	14	at Denver	(−3)	P	24-21
	21	at N.Y. Giants	(−7½)	W	33-17

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	4-4	5-2-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	1-0-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	4-2

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at Denver	(−2½)	L	7-9
	14	at Minn. (Mon.)	(−2½)	W	36-10
	20	Seattle	(−7)	W	20-10
	27	at Detroit	(−1½)	L	0-16
O.	4	Denver	(−4)	L	0-17
	11	at Kansas City	(−1)	L	0-27
	18	Tampa Bay	(−4)	L	18-16
	25	Kansas City	(−2)	L	17-28
N.	1	New England	(−1)	W	27-17
	8	at Houston	(PK)	L	16-17
	15	at Miami	(+5)	W	33-17
	22	San Diego	(−2½)	L	21-55
	29	at Seattle	(PK)	W	32-31
D.	7	Pitt. (Mon.)	(+4)	W	30-27
	13	Chicago	(−6½)	L	6-23
	21	at S. Die. (Mon.)	(+8½)	L	10-20

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-5	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	2-5	1-6
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	1-1

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at San Fran.	(+6)	W	23-17
	19	at Atlanta	(+2½)	W	38-14
	26	at San Diego			
O.	3	New Orleans			
	10	Cleveland			
	17	at Seattle			
	24	at Denver			
	31	Miami			
N.	7	Kansas City			
	14	at Baltimore			
	22	San Diego (Mon.)	(−1)	W	28-34
	28	at Cincinnati	(+3½)	L	17-31
D.	5	Seattle	(−6½)	L	28-23
	12	at Kansas City	(−3)	W	21-16
	18	L.A. (Sat.)	(−7½)	L	37-31
	26	Denver	(−7½)	W	27-10
J.	2	at San Diego	(+4½)	W	41-34

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-0	4-1
Combined Spread Record	2-2	4-1
Favorite Spread Record	2-2	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	3-1

LOS ANGELES Rams

The Rams continue to wheel and deal in an effort to surpass the San Francisco Forty Niners in the competitive NFC Western Conference. John Robinson's latest acquisition is quarterback Dieter Brock, who threw for nearly 35,000 yards and over 200 touchdowns during an 11-year career in the Canadian Football League.

"He has as good an arm as I've seen," stated Robinson, who has directed the Rams to back-to-back wild card playoff berths "But even more importantly to me is his ability to compete. He knows how to play this game."

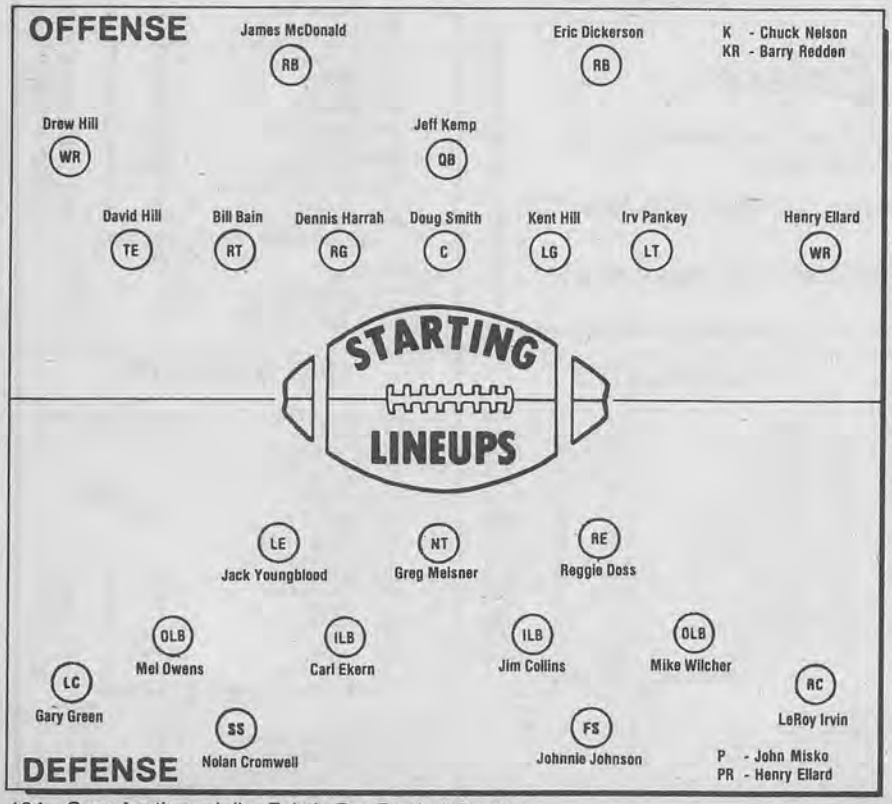
If he really knows it, he'll give the ball to Eric Dickerson as often as he can. Dickerson is the game's best runner, but Robinson is concerned with the dropoff in his pass catching production (from 51 in 1983 to 21 last year), which, say some critics, is like expecting Christie Brinkley to also cook. At any rate, it's obvious that the Rams will have to pass better--they were 27th in the NFL last year--if they hope to unseat the 49ers. Besides Brock and Dickerson, the receiving corps must contribute. It's a perplexing problem. The wideout contingent of Henry Ellard, Drew Hill and Ron Brown combined for only 71 receptions, but averaged 21 yards per catch with nearly one-fifth (14) of them going for TDs. The tight end group, however, had just the opposite problem, scoring just one touchdown after notching 10 in 1983.

On the other side of the ball, the Rams did fine against the run but were victimized by the pass. Part of the blame can go to injuries which robbed Nolan Cromwell, Johnnie Johnson and Eric Harris of playing time, but part, too, must also go to a defensive line that failed to exert significant pressure on opposing QBs.

"We'll go to a four-man line a higher percentage of the time than in the past," conceded Robinson. "We may be creating more specialized roles for our players. We've made a commitment to improve ourselves in this area."

Kick coverage was second best in the League while kick returning was best in the NFC last year. Free agent Russell Erxleben has signed on and could improve LA's punting woes.

The addition of Brock could have an effect on the Rams' attempt to catch the 49ers, but most likely it will serve only to narrow the gap between the clubs, not completely close it.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	RAMS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	258	309
NET RUSH	2864	1600
Avg. Per Game	179.0	100.0
NET PASS	2142	3666
Att./Comp.	358/176	566/346
Had Int.	17	17
Avg. Per Game	133.9	229.1
PUNTS/AVG.	74/38.7	71/40.6
Punt Returns/Yds.	40/489	35/196
Avg. Per Return	12.2	5.6
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	58/1244	74/1288
Avg. Per Return	21.4	17.4
FUMBLES/LOST	31/18	42/22
FIELD GOALS	25/33	22/31
PATS	37/38	32/36
TOTAL POINTS	346	316

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Kemp	284/143	7	2021	13
Ferragamo	66/29	8	317	2
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Ellard	34	622	18.3	6
Da. Hill	31	300	9.7	1
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Irwin	5	166	33.2	2
Green	3	88	29.3	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Dickerson	379	2105	5.6	14
Crutchfield	73	337	4.6	1
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Misko	74	2866	38.7	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Lansford	0	37/38	25/33	112
Dickerson	14	0/0	0/0	84

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

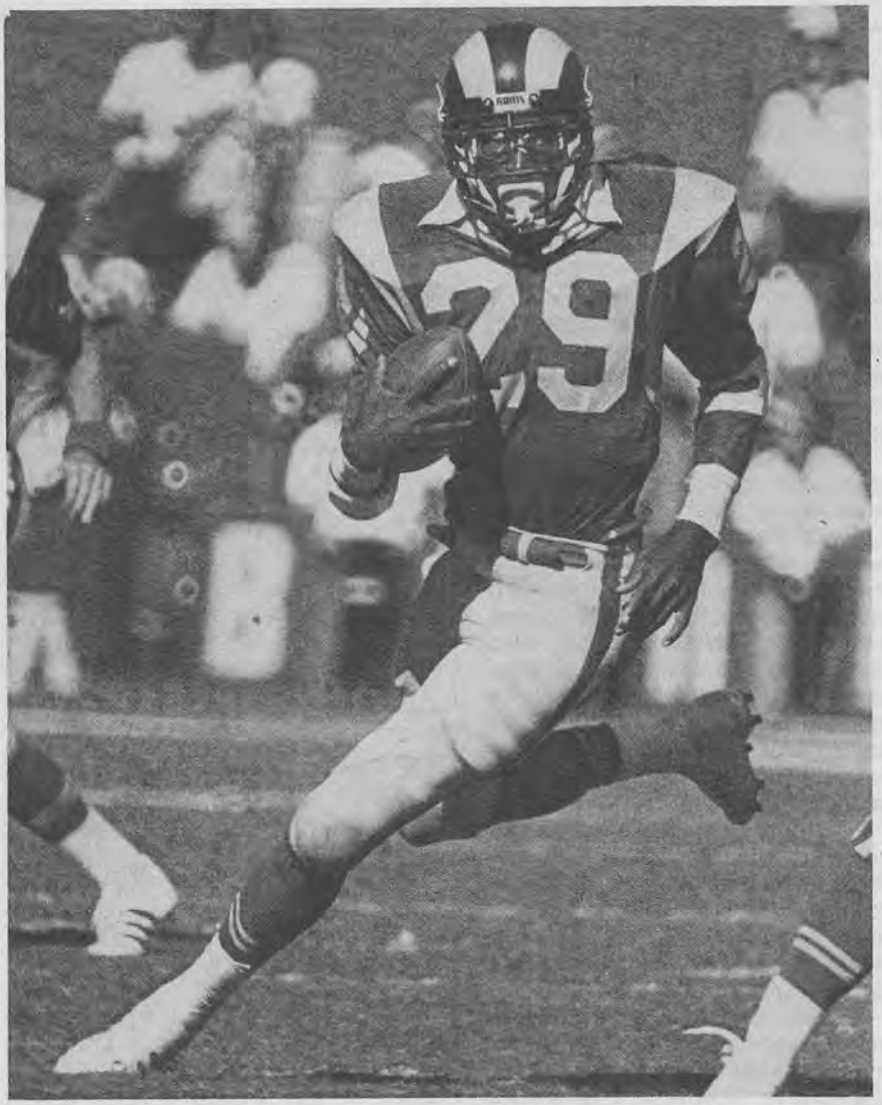
	Home	Away
Actual Record	23-20	22-22
Combined Spread Record	16-26-3	26-17-1
Favorite Spread Record	14-19-3	8-8
Underdog Spread Record	2-7	18-9-1

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Oakland	(−4½)	L	17-24
	6	at Denver	(+3)	W	13-9
	16	San Francisco	(−13½)	L	27-24
	23	at Tampa Bay	(−3)	L	6-21
	30	St. Louis	(−6)	W	21-0
O.	7	at New Orleans	(−3½)	W	35-17
	14	at Dallas	(+5)	L	6-30
	21	San Diego	(+2)	L	16-40
	28	N.Y. Giants	(−6½)	L	14-20
N.	4	at Seattle	(+3½)	W	24-0
	11	at Chicago	(+2)	L	23-27
	19	Atlanta (Mon.)	(−8)	L	20-14
	25	at San Francisco	(−4)	W	26-20
D.	2	Minnesota	(−7)	L*	27-21
	9	at Atlanta	(−3)	W	34-13
	16	New Orleans	(−5½)	L	14-29

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	5-3
Combined Spread Record	1-7	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	1-6	3-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	2-2



With or without glasses, Eric Dickerson was quite a spectacle in 1984.

Feist's Factors

- **Home team is 19-8 in Rams—Saints matchups the past 16 years.**
- **Rams are a strong 29-17 vs the points as an away underdog, since 1969.**
- **L.A. is 16-9 vs the points against NFC Central teams at home.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Denver
	15	at	Philadelphia
	23	at	Seattle (Mon.)
	29		Atlanta
O.	6		Minnesota
	13	at	Tampa Bay
	20	at	Kansas City
	27		San Francisco
N.	3		New Orleans
	10	at	N.Y. Giants
	17	at	Atlanta
	24		Green Bay
D.	1	at	New Orleans
	9	at	San Fran. (Mon.)
	15		St. Louis
	23		L.A. Raiders (Mon.)

1984 RESULTS

S.	3	Dallas (Mon.)	(−2)	L	13-20
	9	Cleveland	(−6½)	L	20-17
	16	at Pittsburgh	(+3)	L	14-24
	23	at Cincinnati	(+6)	W	24-14
	30	N.Y. Giants	(−3)	W	33-12
O.	7	Atlanta	(−3)	L	28-30
	14	at New Orleans	(+3½)	W	28-10
	22	at Atl. (Mon)	(+1)	W	24-10
	28	San Francisco	(+3)	L	0-33
N.	4	at St. Louis	(+6½)	W	16-13
	11	Chicago	(−3½)	W	29-13
	18	Green Bay (Milw.)	(+2½)	L	6-31
	25	at Tampa Bay	(−3)	L	34-33
D.	2	New Orleans	(−7)	W	34-21
	9	Houston	(−11½)	L	27-16
	14	at San Francisco	(+6)	W	16-19

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	5-2

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at N.Y. Giants	(+4)	W	16-6
	11	New Orleans	(−3)	P	30-27
	18	Green Bay (Mil.)	(+3)	P	24-27
	25	at N.Y. Jets (OT)	(+5½)	W	24-27
O.	2	Detroit	(−4½)	W	21-10
	9	at San Francisco	(+4)	W	10-7
	16	Atlanta	(−3½)	W	27-21
	23	San Francisco	(+1)	L	35-45
	30	at Miami	(+3)	L	14-30
N.	6	Chicago	(−7)	P	21-14
	14	at Atlanta (Mon.)	(+1½)	W	36-13
	20	Washington	(+3)	L	20-42
	27	Buffalo	(−4)	W	41-17
D.	4	at Philadelphia	(−4½)	L	9-13
	11	New England	(−6½)	L	7-21
	18	at New Orleans	(+3)	W	26-24

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	3-3-2	5-2-1
Favorite Spread Record	3-1-2	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-2	5-1-1

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Detroit	(−7)	L	20-41
	11	at Tampa Bay	(+3)	W	9-10
	21	Green Bay	(−13½)	W	51-21
	28	at N.Y. Giants	(−5)	W	28-7
O.	5	San Francisco	(−9½)	W	48-26
	12	at St. Louis	(−3)	W	21-13
	19	at San Francisco	(−10)	W	31-17
	26	at Atlanta	(−4)	L	10-13
N.	2	New Orleans	(−14)	P	45-31
	9	Miami	(−10½)	L	14-35
	16	at New England	(+3½)	W	17-14
	24	at New Orleans	(−10½)	W	27-7
	30	N.Y. Jets	(−10)	W	38-13
D.	7	at Buffalo	(−1)	L*	7-10
	15	Dallas	(+2½)	W	38-14
	21	Atlanta	(−3½)	L*	20-17

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	4-3-1	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	3-3-1	4-2
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	2-0

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Houston	(+6)	L	20-27
	13	at New Orleans	(−7)	L	17-23
	20	Green Bay	(−7)	W	35-23
	28	at Chi. (Mon.)	(−1)	W	24-7
O.	4	Cleveland	(−2)	W	27-16
	11	at Atlanta	(+3½)	W	37-35
	18	at Dallas	(+5)	L	17-29
	25	at San Francisco	(PK)	L	17-20
N.	1	Detroit	(−6½)	W	20-13
	8	New Orleans	(−11)	L	13-21
	15	at Cincinnati	(+3)	L	10-24
	22	San Francisco	(−3)	L	31-33
	29	at Pittsburgh	(+6½)	L	0-24
D.	6	at N.Y. Giants	(+3½)	W	7-10
	14	Atl. (Mon.)	(+4)	W	21-16
	20	Washington	(+1)	L	7-30

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	1-2	2-3

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	Green Bay (Mil.)	(−1)	L	23-35
	19	Detroit	(−2½)	L	14-19
	26	at Philadelphia			
O.	3	at St. Louis			
	10	Atlanta			
	17	at San Fran.			
	24	New Orleans	STRIKE		
	31	at San Diego			
N.	7	at New Orleans			
	14	N.Y. Giants			
	21	at Atlanta	(+3)	L	17-34
	28	Kansas City	(−2½)	W	20-14
D.	2	San Fran. (Th.)	(+3)	L	24-30
	12	Denver	(−3)	L	24-27
	18	at LA Raid. (Sat.)	(+7½)	W	31-37
	26	Chicago	(−3)	L	26-34
J.	2	at San Fran	(+10)	W	21-20

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-4	1-3
Combined Spread Record	1-4	2-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-3	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	2-1

MIAMI Dolphins

The Dolphins did just about everything right last year, except winning the Super Bowl, and Don Shula knows why.

"When the 49ers went to six defensive backs and four linemen and invited us to run, we weren't able to run," assessed the NFL's career percentage leader. "We're going to have to work hard on playing against more defenses that use that philosophy."

The Dolphins may indeed see more of San Francisco's 4-1-6 formation, especially if fullback Andra Franklin has recovered from knee surgery. The Dolphins need Franklin's power running to keep the defense honest and keep Tony Nathan fresh so he can be utilized more on third down plays when his pass-catching abilities are displayed. Without Franklin, Miami will have to rely on Woody Bennett, a steady, if unsepctacular back.

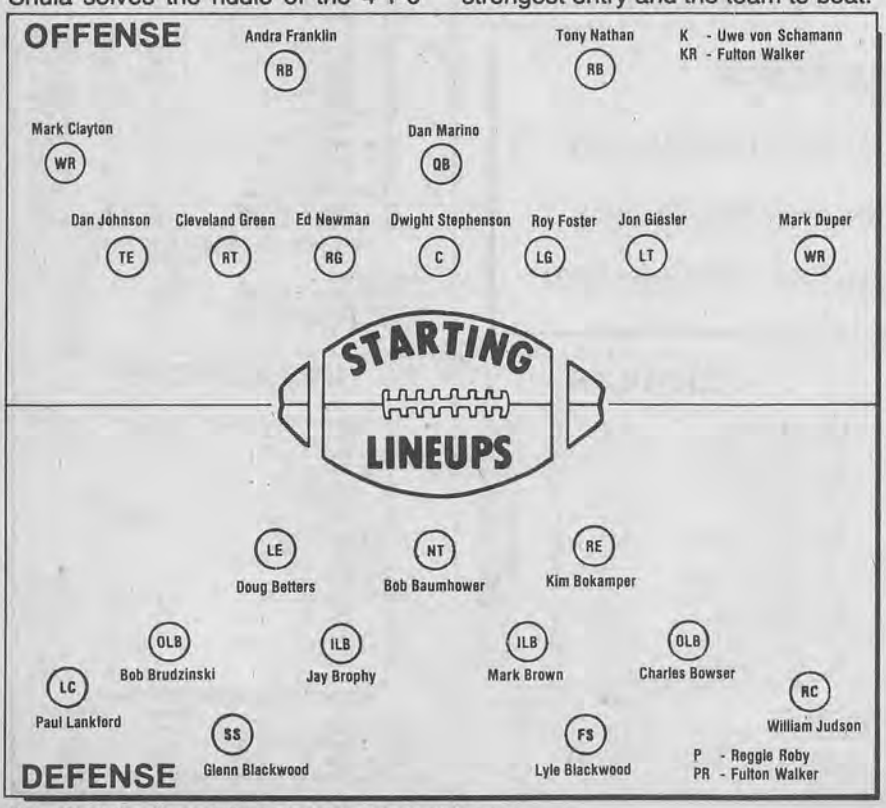
Unless you've spent the last year in Borneo, you probably know about the accomplishments of Miami's passing attack. Dan Marino has just about every passing record there is worth having, and the scary part is that he shattered all those marks in just his second season. The Marino to Duper and Clayton connection figures to improve--especially if Shula solves the riddle of the 4-1-6 defense.

The offensive line sent two players--Ed Newman and Dwight Stephenson--to the Pro Bowl while a third, Roy Foster, was an alternate. With Eric Laakso on the mend and venerable Bob Kuechenberg contemplating another season, this group is both talented and deep.

Miami's Achilles heel is a defense which was uncharacteristically generous last year. The Killer Bees somehow lost their killer instinct along the way, and Shula is hopeful they'll find it again. As it was, Miami's stop troops ranked just 19th in the League last year. Kim Bokamper, Bob Baumhower and A. J. Duhe all were bothered by injuries last year and a return to health could help turn last year's minuses into pluses. Duhe, at his best, can dominate a game as few defenders can.

Reggie Roby is a great punter, but unless Uwe Von Schamann gets his act together, the Dolphins will be lacking a consistent field goal kicker. Von Schamann's season was a horror show until he redeemed himself in the Super Bowl.

Even with Miami's weaknesses on defense and lack of a consistent running game, the passing attack makes the Dolphins the AFC's strongest entry and the team to beat.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	DOLPHINS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	387	314
NET RUSH	1918	2155
Avg. Per Game	119.8	134.6
NET PASS	5018	3265
Att./Comp.	572/367	551/310
Had Int.	18	24
Avg. Per Game	313.6	204.0
PUNTS/AVG.	51/44.7	83/41.9
Punt Returns/Yds.	39/365	17/138
Avg. Per Return	9.4	8.1
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	44/799	66/1367
Avg. Per Return	18.2	20.7
FUMBLES/LOST	26/10	23/12
FIELD GOALS	9/19	9/17
PATS	66/70	37/39
TOTAL POINTS	513	298

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Marino	564/362	17	5084	48
Strock	6/4	0	27	0
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Clayton	73	1389	19.0	18
Duper	71	1306	18.4	8
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
G Blackwood	6	169	28.1	0
Judson	4	121	30.2	1
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Bennett	144	606	4.2	7
Nathan	118	558	4.7	1
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Roby	51	2281	44.7	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Clayton	18	0/0	0/0	108
von Schamann	0	66/70	9/19	93

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

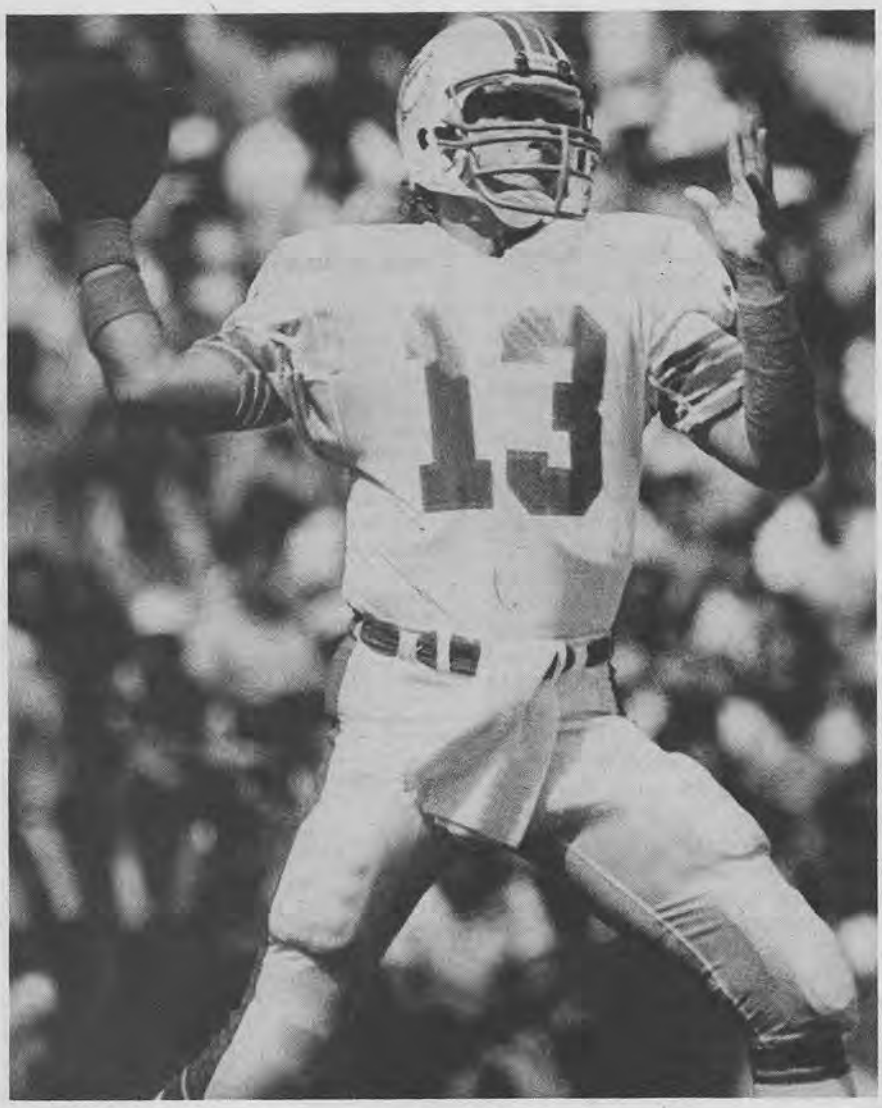
	Home	Away
Actual Record	35-8-1	27-18
Combined Spread Record	27-16-1	26-18-1
Favorite Spread Record	22-16-1	12-12-1
Underdog Spread Record	5-0	14-6

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at Buffalo	(−5½)	L	9-7
	9	Seattle	(−7)	W	19-10
	16	at Minnesota	(−7)	W	27-12
	23	Chicago	(−6½)	W	31-16
	30	at N.Y. Jets	(−4)	L	27-33
O.	8	at Oakland	(−1)	L	3-13
	14	Buffalo	(−7)	W	17-7
	21	at New England	(+5)	L	13-28
	28	Green Bay	(−10½)	W	27-7
N.	5	Houston	(−3½)	L	6-9
	11	Baltimore	(−6½)	W	19-0
	18	at Cleveland	(−1)	L*	24-30
	25	at Baltimore	(−3½)	W	28-24
	29	New England	(−3½)	W	39-24
D.	9	at Detroit	(−6½)	W	28-10
	15	N.Y. Jets	(−6½)	L	24-27

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	4-4
Combined Spread Record	6-2	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	6-2	3-4
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-1



The numbers speak for themselves, Dan Marino was just Dan-dy last year.

Austin's Edges

- **Dolphins are 14-6 as a home dog since 1969.**
- **Miami is 17-8 vs the points as an away underdog against non-division teams the past 16 seasons.**
- **The Dolphins are 29-17 as a home favorite vs division rivals since '69.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	Houston
	15		Indianapolis
	22		Kansas City
	29	at	Denver
O.	6		Pittsburgh
	14	at	N.Y. Jets (Mon.)
	20		Tampa Bay
	27	at	Detroit
N.	3	at	New England
	10		N.Y.Jets
	17	at	Indianapolis
	24	at	Buffalo
D.	2		Chicago (Mon.)
	8	at	Green Bay
	16		New England (Mon.)
	22		Buffalo

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Washington	(+4)	W	35-17
	9	New England	(−6)	W	28-7
	17	at Buffalo (Mon.)	(−8½)	L	21-17
	23	Indianapolis	(−10½)	W	44-7
	30	at St. Louis	(−4)	W	36-28
O.	7	at Pittsburgh	(−5)	W	31-7
	14	Houston	(−18)	P	28-10
	21	at New England	(−4)	W	44-24
	28	Buffalo	(−18)	W	38-7
N.	4	at N.Y. Jets	(−7)	W	31-17
	11	Philadelphia	(−15½)	L	24-23
	18	at San Diego (OT)	(−7½)	L	28-31
	26	N.Y. Jets (Mon.)	(−13½)	L	28-17
D.	2	L.A. Raiders	(−3½)	L	34-45
	9	at Indianapolis	(−14)	W	35-17
	17	Dallas (Mon.)	(−5)	W	28-21

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	7-1
Combined Spread Record	4-3-1	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	4-3-1	5-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-0

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at Buffalo	(−4½)	W	12-0
	11	New England	(−9½)	W	34-24
	19	at Raiders (Mon.)	(+2½)	L	14-27
	25	Kansas City	(−7½)	W	14-6
O.	2	at New Orleans	(−2½)	L	7-17
	9	Buffalo (OT)	(−6)	L	35-38
	16	at N.Y. Jets	(+3½)	W	32-14
	23	at Baltimore	(−3½)	W	21-7
	30	L.A. Rams	(−3)	W	30-14
N.	6	at San Francisco	(+2)	W	20-17
	13	at New England	(−3)	L	6-17
	20	Baltimore	(−9)	W	37-0
	28	Cinn. (Mon.)	(−5½)	W	38-14
D.	4	at Houston	(−10)	L	24-17
	10	Atlanta (Sat.)	(−8½)	L	31-24
	16	N.Y.J. (Fri.)	(−7)	W	34-14

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	5-3
Combined Spread Record	6-2	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	6-2	2-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-1

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at Buffalo	(−2)	L	7-17
	14	Cincinnati	(−6½)	L	17-16
	21	at Atlanta	(+3)	W	20-17
	28	New Orleans	(−7)	L	21-16
O.	5	Baltimore	(−1½)	L	17-30
	12	at New England	(+7½)	L	0-34
	19	Buffalo	(+3)	W	17-14
	27	at N.Y. Jets	(PK)	L	14-17
N.	2	at Oakland	(+8)	W	10-16
	9	at Los Angeles	(+10½)	W	35-14
	16	San Francisco	(−8)	L	17-13
	20	S.D. (Thurs.)	(+3½)	W*	24-27
	30	at Pittsburgh	(+6½)	L	10-23
D.	8	New England	(+3)	W*	16-13
	14	at Baltimore	(+3½)	W	24-14
	20	N.Y. Jets	(−6)	L	17-24

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	0-5	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	3-0	4-3

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at St. Louis	(−1)	W	20-7
	10	Pitts. (Thurs.)	(−2)	W	30-10
	20	at Houston	(+2½)	W	16-10
	27	at Baltimore	(−3)	P	31-28
O.	4	N.Y. Jets	(−6)	L*	28-28
	12	at Buf. (Mon.)	(+4½)	L	21-31
	18	Washington	(−7)	L	13-10
	25	at Dallas	(+6)	W	27-28
N.	1	Baltimoe	(−7½)	W	27-10
	8	at New England	(+2½)	W*	30-27
	15	Oakland	(−5)	L	17-33
	22	at N.Y. Jets	(+2)	W	15-16
	30	Phila. (Mon.)	(+3)	W	13-10
D.	6	New England	(−6)	W	24-14
	13	at Kansas City	(+1½)	W	17-7
	19	Buffalo	(−3)	W	16-6

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-1-1	5-3
Combined Spread Record	5-3	6-1-1
Favorite Spread Record	4-3	1-0-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	5-1

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at N.Y. Jets	(+2)	W	45-28
	19	Baltimore	(−13)	L	24-20
	26	at Green Bay			
O.	3	at Cincinnati			
	10	Detroit			
	17	New England			
	24	at Baltimore			
	31	at Oakland			
N.	8	San Diego (Mon.)			
	14	Cleveland			
	21	at Buffalo	(+1)	W	9-7
	29	at T. Bay (Mon.)	(−3)	L	17-23
D.	5	Minnesota	(−5½)	W	22-14
	12	at New England	(−5½)	L	0-3
	18	N.Y. Jets (Sat.)	(+1)	W	20-19
	27	Buffalo (Mon.)	(−3)	W	27-10
J.	2	at Baltimore	(−8)	W	34-7

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1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-0	3-2
Combined Spread Record	3-1	3-2
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	2-0

MINNESOTA Vikings

The Iceman cometh . . . again. One year was all Bud Grant needed to convince himself that hunting and fishing for game and trout weren't as much fun as hunting and fishing for victories in the NFL, so the longtime (17 years) Viking head coach is back, and none too soon. The Vikes were a miserable 3-13 last year in Les Steckel's first (and last) stint in Minnesota, but Purple People Eater faithful are hoping Grant can change all that. It won't be easy. No team was as collectively inept as the Vikings were last year. The team was 25th in the offense and 28th in defense. Buffalo (27th and 23rd) and Houston (23rd and 27th) weren't as bad.

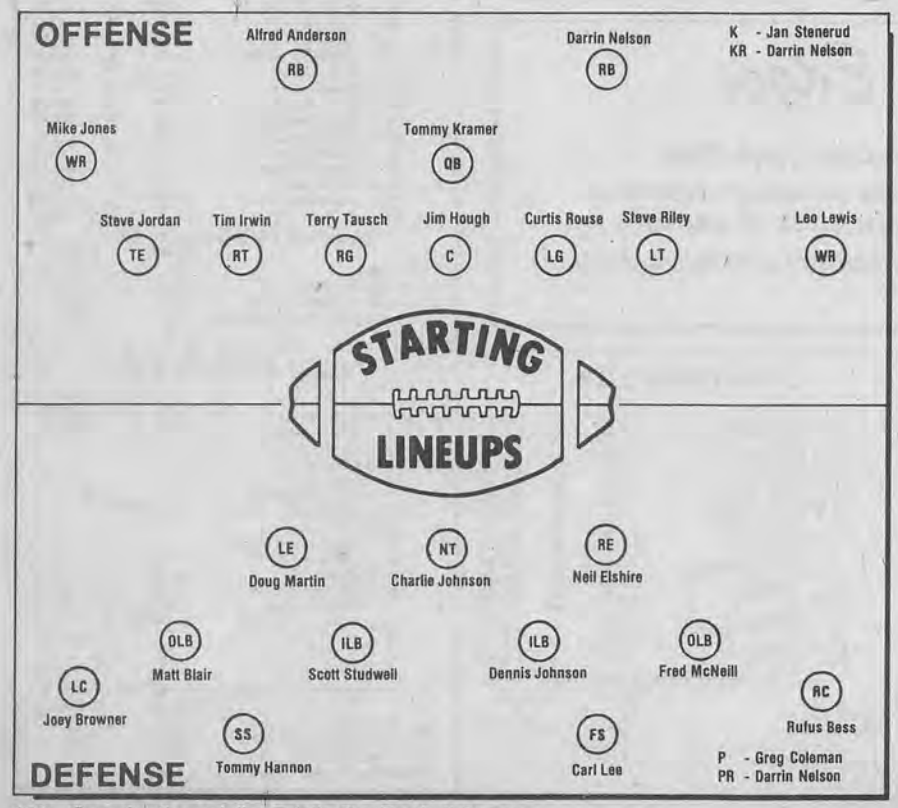
Grant's presence certainly will take much of the pressure away that permeated the Steckel regime. Under Steckel, Viking practices were more like boot camp exercises. Under Grant, Minnesota will return to an era where less meant more. With 11 division titles, perhaps that's the way Grant learned to go.

Minnesota needs a healthy Tommy Kramer to make much progress on offense. Kramer can still fling it--especially if his troublesome shoulder is healed--but the Vikes must do a better job of protecting him (they gave up 64 sacks last year) while developing a niftier and speedier crew of receivers. The running game, with Alfred Anderson and Allen Rice contributing, has potential, particularly if Grant succeeds in revamping the front line.

Defense, always a Viking mainstay under Grant, has come full cycle. Linebacker Scott Studwell is a gem, but the Vikes recognized a need here when they drafted Pittsburgh end/LB Chris Doleman with their first pick. Minnesota must sign him, however, something they couldn't do with last year's top choice, DE Keith Millard who defected to the USFL. Minnesota is hoping that Doleman can supply some of the quarterback pressure that was lacking in '84 when the Vikings were a pathetic 25 sacks the entire year.

Jan Stenerud continues to defy time with the placements and Greg Coleman is a fine punter, but the Vikings' kick-blocking exploits of the past are just that--of the past.

The Vikings chucked it in at the end of last year (they were outscored 241-79 in their final six games), something they won't do under Grant. Still, .500 looks like an almost impossible goal.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	VIKINGS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	289	342
NET RUSH	1844	2573
Avg. Per Game	115.3	160.8
NET PASS	2872	3379
Att./Comp.	533/281	490/319
Had Int.	25	11
Avg. Per Game	179.5	236.2
PUNTS/AVG.	82/42.4	68/40.8
Punt Returns/Yds.	31/217	49/437
Avg. Per Return	7.0	8.9
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	86/1775	59/1289
Avg. Per Return	20.6	21.7
FUMBLES/LOST	39/16	35/18
FIELD GOALS	20/23	24/28
PATS	30/31	58/59
TOTAL POINTS	276	484

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Kramer	236/124	10	1678	9
Wilson	195/102	11	1019	5
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Lewis	47	830	17.7	4
Brown	46	349	7.6	3
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Bess	3	7	2.4	0
Swain	2	20	10.0	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Anderson	201	773	3.8	2
Brown	98	442	4.5	3
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Coleman	82	3473	42.4	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Stenerud	0	30/31	20/23	90
Brown	6	0/0	0/0	36

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	24-21	15-29
Combined Spread Record	20-24-1	23-21
Favorite Spread Record	13-13-1	1-4
Underdog Spread Record	7-11	22-17

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	San Francisco	(−7½)	L	28-22
	9	at Chicago	(+5)	L	7-26
	16	Miami	(+7)	L	12-27
	23	Green Bay	(−2)	W*	27-21
	30	at Detroit	(+3½)	W	13-10
O.	7	Dallas	(+7½)	L	20-36
	15	at N.Y. Jets	(+6)	L	7-14
	21	Chicago	(−2)	W	30-27
	28	Tampa Bay	(−1½)	L	10-12
N.	4	at St. Louis	(+4)	L	7-37
	11	at Green Bay	(+2½)	L	7-19
	18	Detroit	(−4½)	W	14-17
	25	at Tampa Bay	(+7)	W	23-22
D.	2	at Los Angeles	(+7)	W*	21-27
	9	Buffalo	(−2)	W	10-3
	16	at New England	(+6)	W	23-27

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-2	4-4



An oft-injured Tommy Kramer hopes for a lot more hands-on work in 1985.

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		San Francisco
	15	at	Tampa Bay
	19		Chicago (Thurs.)
	29	at	Buffalo
O.	6	at	L.A. Rams
	13		Green Bay (Milw.)
	20		San Diego
	27	at	Chicago
N.	3		Detroit
	10		Green Bay
	17	at	Detroit
	24		New Orleans
D.	1	at	Philadelphia
	8		Tampa Bay
	15	at	Atlanta
	22		Philadelphia

1984 RESULTS

S.	2		San Diego	(+3)	L 13-42
	9	at	Philadelphia	(+4½)	W 17-19
	16		Atlanta	(+2½)	W 27-20
	23	at	Detroit	(+6)	W 29-28
	30		Seattle	(+2½)	L 12-20
O.	7	at	Tampa Bay	(+3)	L 31-35
	14	at	LA Raiders	(+10)	W 20-23
	21		Detroit	(−2)	L 14-16
	28	at	Chicago	(+7)	L 7-16
N.	4		Tampa Bay	(−2)	W 27-24
	11		Green Bay (Milw.)	(+6½)	L 17-45
	18	at	Denver	(+10)	L 21-42
	25		Chicago	(+3½)	L 3-34
	29		Washington	(+11)	L 17-31
D.	8	at	San Francisco	(+16½)	L 7-51
	16		Green Bay	(+7)	L 14-38

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	1-7
Combined Spread Record	2-6	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	1-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-5	3-5

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at	Cleveland	(+1½)	W 27-21
	8		San Fran (Thu.)	(−3½)	L 17-48
	18	at	Tampa Bay	(−1½)	W 19-16
	25		Detroit	(−3)	P 20-17
O.	2		Dallas	(+4½)	L 24-37
	9	at	Chicago	(+2)	W 23-14
	16		Houston	(−9)	W 34-14
	23	at	Green Bay	(+2)	W 20-17
	30	at	St. Louis	(−3½)	L 31-41
N.	6		Tampa Bay	(−7)	L 12-17
	13		Green Bay	(−2½)	L 21-29
	20	at	Pittsburgh	(+7)	W 17-14
	27	at	New Orleans	(+2½)	W 16-17
D.	5	at	Detroit (Mon.)	(+4)	L 2-13
	11		Chicago	(−2)	L 13-19
	17		Cinn. (Sat.)	(+3)	W 20-14

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	5-3
Combined Spread Record	2-5-1	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-4-1	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	5-1

Feist's Factors

- **Minnesota is 29-20 as an away underdog since 1969.**
- **The Vikings are 17-11 vs points at home vs the AFC the last 16 years.**
- **Minny is a woeful 2-7 vs the points against San Francisco since '69.**

1980 RESULTS

S.	7		Atlanta	(−4)	L 24-23
	14		Philadelphia	(+3½)	L 7-42
	21	at	Chicago	(+6)	W 34-14
	28	at	Detroit	(+6½)	L 7-27
O.	5		Pittsburgh	(+7½)	W 17-23
	12		Chicago	(−3)	W 13-7
	19	at	Cincinnati	(+4)	L 0-14
	26	at	Green Bay	(+1)	L 3-16
N.	2	at	Washington	(+9)	W 39-14
	9		Detroit	(!1)	W 34-0
	16		Tampa Bay	(−4)	W 38-30
	23		Green Bay	(−7)	L 13-25
	30	at	New Orleans	(−6)	L 23-20
D.	7	at	Tampa Bay	(+2½)	W 21-10
	14		Cleveland	(+3)	W 28-23
	21	at	Houston	(+10)	W 16-20

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	5-3	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	4-3

1981 RESULTS

S.	5	at	Tampa Bay	(+2)	L 13-21
	14		Oak. (Mon.)	(+2½)	L 10-36
	20		Detroit	(+3½)	W 26-24
	27	at	G. Bay (Milw.)	(+3½)	W 30-13
O.	4		Chicago	(−5)	L 24-21
	11	at	San Diego	(+7)	W 33-31
	18		Philadelphia	(+3½)	W 35-23
	25	at	St. Louis	(−1½)	L 17-30
N.	2	at	Den. (Mon.)	(+5)	W 17-19
	8		Tampa Bay	(−5)	W 25-10
	15		New Orleans	(−8½)	W 20-10
	23	at	Atl. (Mon.)	(+5½)	W 30-31
	29		Green Bay	(−7)	L 23-35
D.	6	at	Chicago	(−3½)	L 9-10
	12	at	Detroit	(+4)	L 7-45
	20		Kansas City	(−3)	L 6-10

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	0-2
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	4-2

1982 RESULTS

S.	12		Tampa Bay	(−2½)	W 17-10
	16	at	Buffalo (Th.)	(+3½)	W 22-23
	26		Dallas		
O.	3	at	Chicago		
	10	at	Tampa Bay		
	17		New Orleans		STRIKE
	24		Green Bay		
N.	1		Detroit (Mon.)		
	7	at	San Fran.		
	14	at	Washington		
	21		Green Bay (Mil)	(+2)	L 7-26
	28		Chicago	(−5½)	W 35-7
D.	5	at	Miami	(+5½)	L 14-22
	12		Baltimore	(+12)	L 13-10
	19	at	Detroit	(+4)	W 34-31
	26		N.Y. Jets	(+3)	L 14-42
J.	3		Dallas	(+5)	W 31-27

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-1	1-3
Combined Spread Record	3-2	2-2
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	2-2

NEW ENGLAND Patriots

The Patriots lost three of their last four games a year ago and failed to make the playoffs, but Ray Berry, who took over the leadership of the club at the midway point in '84, sees some positive changes.

"Our goal in 1985 is to reach the playoffs," said Berry, a Hall of Fame receiver. "I feel we're capable of doing that. I feel good about this squad. Because I was able to see our players perform in eight games last season, I'm much further ahead than if I was just starting out with the beginning of a training camp."

The Patriots used a one-back offense last year in order to improve on a passing game that was 25th in the League in 1983 and 24th in the circuit in points scored. That was accomplished as the Patriots went to 16th in the League in passing offense and 10th in points scored. But the running game suffered with the one-back offense, with the rating dropping to 11th from the previous season of fifth. Berry will opt for a two-back alignment this year in hopes of generating a more balanced attack. Craig James and Tony Collins are the likely starters but Mosi Tatupu will see plenty of action, too.

"We want to be a little unpredictable," said Berry. "Every offense I've been connected with has been that way. They've been exciting."

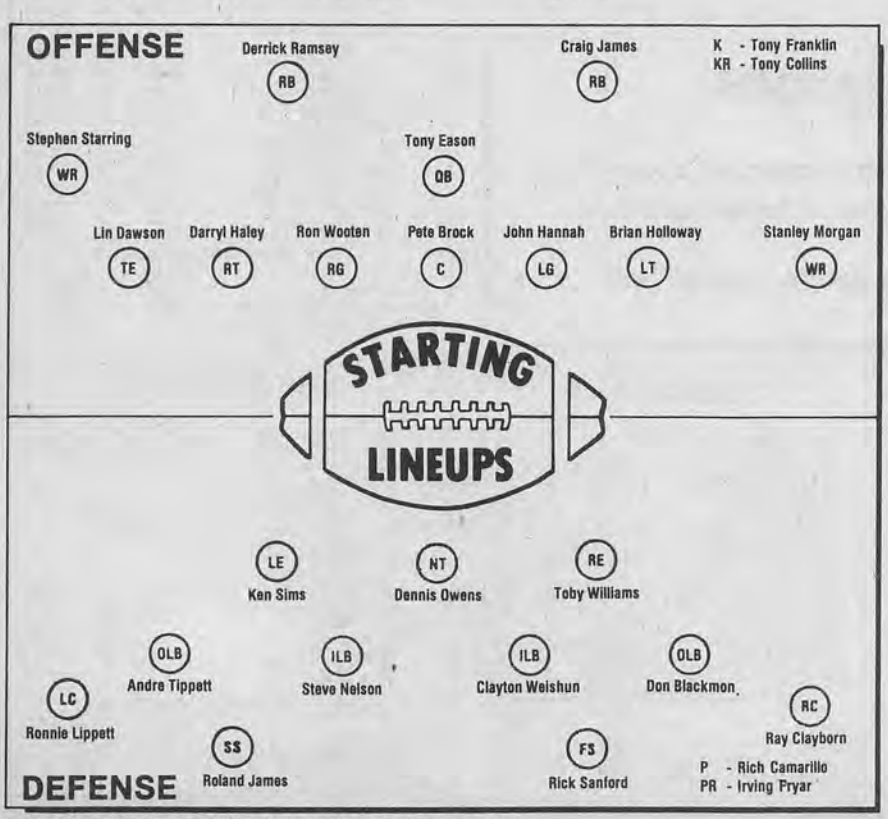
The biggest concerns on defense for 1985 come in terms of quarterback sacks and pressures and fumbles recovered and interceptions. The Patriots last season had 55 sacks of the opposing QB and a disappointing number of pressures (93) that allowed quarterbacks to sit back in the pocket. Also, the Patriots only intercepted 17 passes, and recovered just eight of the opponents' 33 fumbles.

"We need to get better and more consistent pressure on the quarterback," said Berry. "We need more speed to chase down the quarterback. Also, the safeties have got to come up with more big plays. Overall, we're not getting enough takeaways. Our interceptions were very low last season."

Given the weakness of the AFC Central Division, New England should battle for a wild card playoff spot against the Western clubs.

"If we can get some breaks," said Berry, get some players to come through for us, and get an even break with regard to injuries, we should do well."

Agreed.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	PATRIOTS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	315	311
NET RUSH	2032	1886
Avg. Per Game	127.0	117.9
NET PASS	3231	3214
Att./Comp.	500/292	513/283
Had Int.	14	17
Avg. Per Game	201.9	200.9
PUNTS/AVG.	92/42.4	83/40.3
Punt Returns/Yds.	48/430	45/442
Avg. Per Return	9.0	9.8
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	64/1246	73/1373
Avg. Per Return	19.5	18.8
FUMBLES/LOST	29/15	33/8
FIELD GOALS	22/28	21/31
PATS	42/42	37/42
TOTAL POINTS	362	352

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Eason	431/259	8	3228	23
Grogan	68/32	6	444	3
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Ramsey	66	792	12.0	7
Starring	46	657	14.3	4
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Clayborn	3	102	34.0	0
Lippett	3	23	7.7	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
James	160	790	4.9	1
Tatupu	133	553	4.2	4
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Prestridge	44	1884	42.8	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Franklin	0	42/42	20/24	108
Ramsey	7	0/0	0/0	42

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

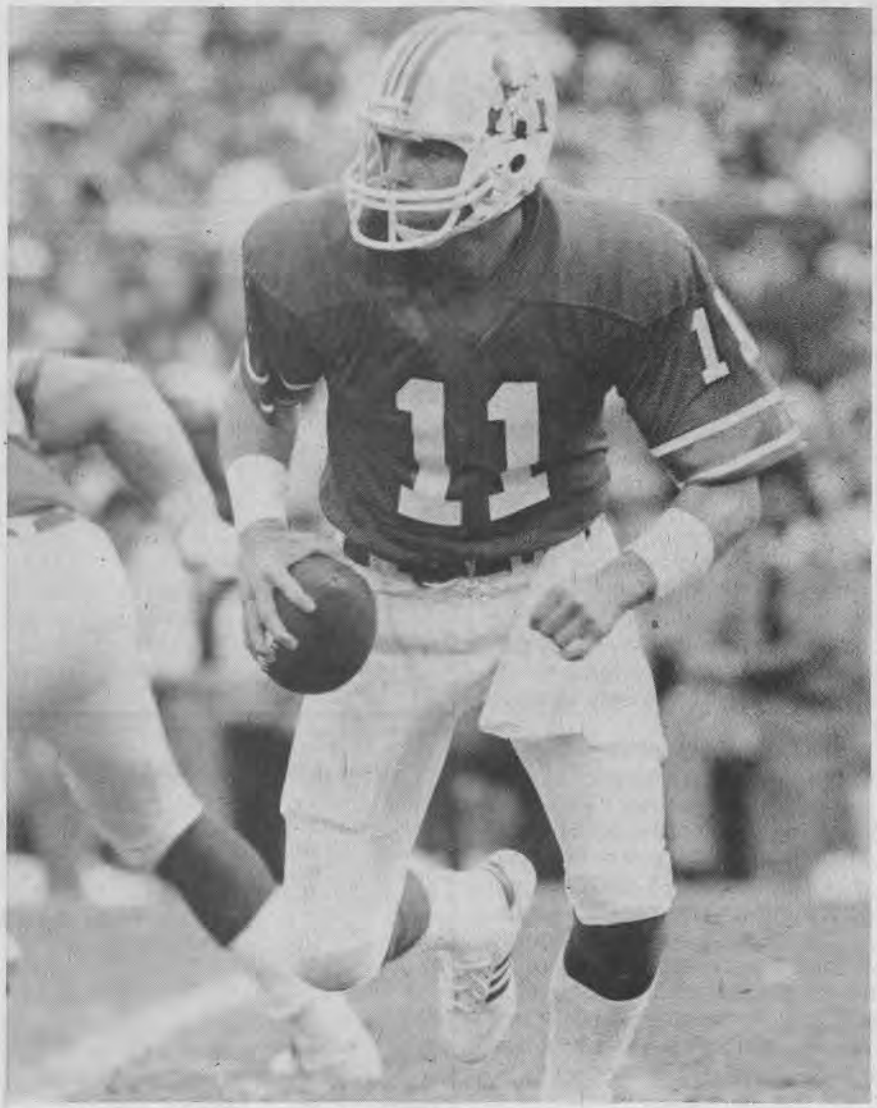
	Home	Away
Actual Record	27-17	16-29
Combined Spread Record	23-21	16-28-1
Favorite Spread Record	18-14	8-13-1
Underdog Spread Record	5-7	8-15

1979 RESULTS

S.	3	Pittsburgh	(+2)	L*	13-16
	9	N.Y. Jets	(−6½)	W	56-3
	16	at Cincinnati	(−6)	P	20-14
	23	San Diego	(−3½)	W	27-21
O.	1	at Green Bay	(−8½)	L	14-27
	7	Detroit	(−12½)	L	24-17
	14	at Chicago	(−3½)	W	27-7
	21	Miami	(−5)	W	28-13
	28	at Baltimore	(−5)	L	26-31
N.	4	at Buffalo	(−6)	W	26-6
	11	at Denver	(−1)	L	10-45
	18	Baltimore	(−11)	W	50-21
	25	Buffalo	(−9½)	L*	13-16
	29	at Miami	(+3½)	L	24-39
D.	9	at N.Y. Jets	(−3½)	L	26-27
	16	Minnesota	(−6)	L	27-23

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	4-4	2-5-1
Favorite Spread Record	4-3	2-4-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	0-1



Tony Eason finished second in the AFC passing statistics to Dan Marino.

Austin's Edges

- **New England is 15-8 as home underdog vs division opponents.**
- **The Pats are 19-11 vs the points against AFC West competition since 1969.**
- **The Patriots are 0-5 on the road vs the points on Monday Night Football.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Green Bay
	15	at	Chicago
	22	at	Buffalo
	29		L.A. Raiders
O.	6	at	Cleveland
	13		Buffalo
	20		N.Y. Jets
	27	at	Tampa Bay
N.	3		Miami
	10		Indianapolis
	17	at	Seattle
	24	at	N.Y. Jets
D.	1	at	Indianapolis
	8		Detroit
	16	at	Miami (Mon.)
	22		Cincinnati

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Buffalo	(−3½)	W	21-17
	9	at Miami	(+6)	L	7-28
	16	Seattle	(−2½)	W	38-23
	23	Washington	(+2)	L	10-26
	30	at N.Y. Jets	(PK)	W	28-21
O.	7	at Cleveland	(−2)	L	17-16
	14	Cincinnati	(−7)	L	20-14
	21	Miami	(+4)	L	24-44
	28	N.Y. Jets	(−3)	W	30-20
N.	4	at Denver	(+5)	L	19-26
	11	Buffalo	(−13½)	W	38-10
	18	at Indianapolis	(−6½)	W	50-17
	22	at Dallas	(+2)	L	17-20
D.	2	St. Louis	(−5½)	L	10-33
	9	at Philadelphia	(−3)	L	17-27
	16	Indianapolis	(−10)	L	16-10

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	3-5	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	3-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-2	0-3

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Balt. (OT)	(−6)	L	23-29
	11	at Miami	(+9½)	L	24-34
	18	N.Y. Jets	(+6½)	W	23-13
	25	at Pittsburgh	(+8)	W	28-23
O.	2	San Francisco	(+3)	L	13-33
	9	at Baltimore	(+1)	L	7-12
	16	San Diego	(+4)	W	37-21
	23	at Buffalo	(+2½)	W	31-0
	30	at Atlanta	(+3)	L	13-24
N.	6	Buffalo	(−1)	W	21-7
	13	Miami	(+3)	W	17-6
	20	Cleveland	(−5)	L	0-30
	27	at N.Y. Jets	(+4)	L	3-26
D.	4	New Orleans	(PK)	W	7-0
	11	at L.A. Rams	(+6½)	W	21-7
	18	at Seattle	(+3)	L	6-24

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-3	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	2-2	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	3-1	3-5

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Cleveland	(−5½)	W	34-17
	14	Atlanta	(−8)	L	21-37
	21	at Seattle	(+2)	W	37-31
	29	Denve	(−4)	W	23-14
O.	5	at N.Y. Jets	(−3½)	W	21-11
	12	Miami	(−7½)	W	34-0
	19	at Baltimore	(+3)	W	37-21
	26	at Buffalo	(−2)	L	13-31
N.	2	N.Y. Jets	(−9½)	W	34-21
	10	at Houston	(+3½)	L	34-38
	16	Los Angeles	(−3½)	L	14-17
	23	Baltimore	(−6½)	W	47-21
	30	at San Francisco	(−7)	L	17-21
D.	8	at Miami	(−3)	L*	13-16
	14	Buffalo	(−3½)	W	24-2
	21	at New Orleans	(−9)	W	38-27

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	4-4
Combined Spread Record	6-2	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	6-2	2-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Baltimore	(−6½)	L	28-29
	13	at Philadelphia	(+3½)	L	3-13
	21	at Dallas (Mon.)	(+2)	L	21-35
	27	at Pittsburgh	(+3½)	L	21-27
O.	4	Kansas City	(−5½)	W	33-17
	11	at N.Y. Jets	(−2)	L	24-28
	18	Houston	(−3½)	W	38-10
	25	at Washington	(−3)	L	22-24
N.	1	at Oakland	(+1)	L	17-27
	8	Miami	(−2½)	L*	27-30
	15	N.Y. Jets	(−2½)	L	6-17
	22	at Buffalo	(+7)	W	17-20
	29	St. Louis	(−4)	L	20-27
D.	6	at Miami	(+6)	L	14-24
	13	Buffalo	(+4)	L	10-19
	20	at Baltimore	(−6)	L	21-23

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	0-8
Combined Spread Record	2-6	1-7
Favorite Spread Record	2-4	0-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-2	1-4

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at Baltimore	(−3)	W	24-13
	19	N.Y. Jets	(+2)	L	7-31
	26	Seattle			
O.	3	at Buffalo			
	10	Cincinnati			
	17	at Miami			
	24	St. Louis			
	31	at N.Y. Jets			
N.	7	Baltimore			
	14	Buffalo			
	21	at Cleveland	(+7)	W	7-10
	28	Houston	(−3½)	W	29-21
D.	5	at Chicago	(PK)	L	13-26
	12	Miami	(+5½)	W	3-0
	19	at Seattle	(+4)	W	16-0
	26	at Pittsburgh	(+6½)	L	14-37
J.	2	Buffalo	(+3½)	W	30-19

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-1	2-3
Combined Spread Record	3-1	3-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-0	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	2-1

NEW ORLEANS Saints

Many thought that Richard Todd would lead the Saints to the playoffs last year. Many were wrong. Todd only served to make things worse. Not only was his play erratic, but his presence created controversy with Ken Stabler and David Wilson, as well. Stabler eventually retired, but Head Coach Bum Phillips' in-again, out-again system pleased neither Todd nor Wilson.

It was a similar story at running back where there weren't enough balls for Geroge Rogers, Earl Campbell, Hojie Gajan and Wayne Wilson. The former is out, given a lease on life in Washington where he'll eventually replace John Riggins.

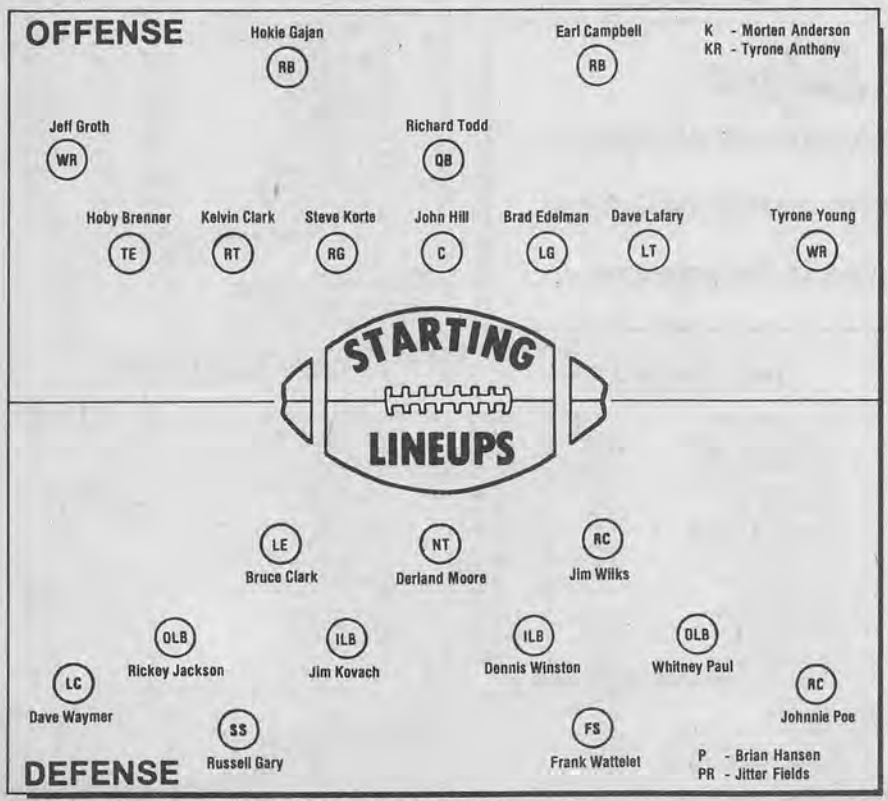
Phillips' offense could still run the ball last year--eighth in the NFL in that category--but the aerial game was a joke, finishing 24th in the League. While Todd, Stabler and Wilson had their problems, a lacklustre receiving crew and an offensive line that was constantly injured didn't help, either.

Although the offense could use a good receiver and some help up front, the Saints went for defensive help in the draft, taking Tennessee linebacker Alvin Toles with the pick acquired from the Redskins for Rogers. (The Saints had spent their own No. 1 pick in the Earl Campbell trade). Toles will help a unit that already is pretty tough, ranking eigth in the NFL last year. The Saints were particularly rough on opposing passers, recording the second highest QB sack percentage in the League. However, NT Derland Moore is coming back off an injury so there's the risk of lack of production.

Another concern for the Saints is the unusually high number of free agents. At last count, there were 15 players in this category, including Todd and cornerback Dave Waymar. New management's efforts to ink these players will be closely watched by all concerned.

The Saints did unveil a couple of rookies that made a difference in Jitter Fields and Brian Hansen. Fields did a good job bringing back kicks, finishing fourth in the NFC in punt return average. Hansen averaged 43.8 yards per boot, fourth best in the entire League.

The Saints were considered contenders last year but they're no more than longshot wild card hopefuls this season. Unless the passing game improves, the Saints will be "Ain'ts" again.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	SAINTS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	298	298
NET RUSH	2171	2461
Avg. Per Game	135.7	153.8
NET PASS	2837	2453
Att./Comp.	476/246	422/239
Had Int.	28	13
Avg. Per Game	177.3	153.3
PUNTS/AVG.	70/43.1	84/41.6
Punt Returns/Yds.	33/268	47/550
Avg. Per Return	8.1	11.7
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	72/1465	45/916
Avg. Per Return	20.3	20.4
FUMBLES/LOST	22/13	28/10
FIELD GOALS	20/27	24/32
PATS	34/34	41/41
TOTAL POINTS	298	361

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Todd	312/161	19	2178	11
Wilson	93/51	4	647	7
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Gajan	35	288	8.2	2
Groth	33	487	14.7	0
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Waymer	4	9	2.2	0
Winston	2	90	45.0	2
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Rogers	239	914	3.8	2
Gajan	102	615	6.0	5
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Hansen	69	3020	43.8	1
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Anderson	0	34/34	20/27	94
Gajan	7	0/0	0/0	42

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

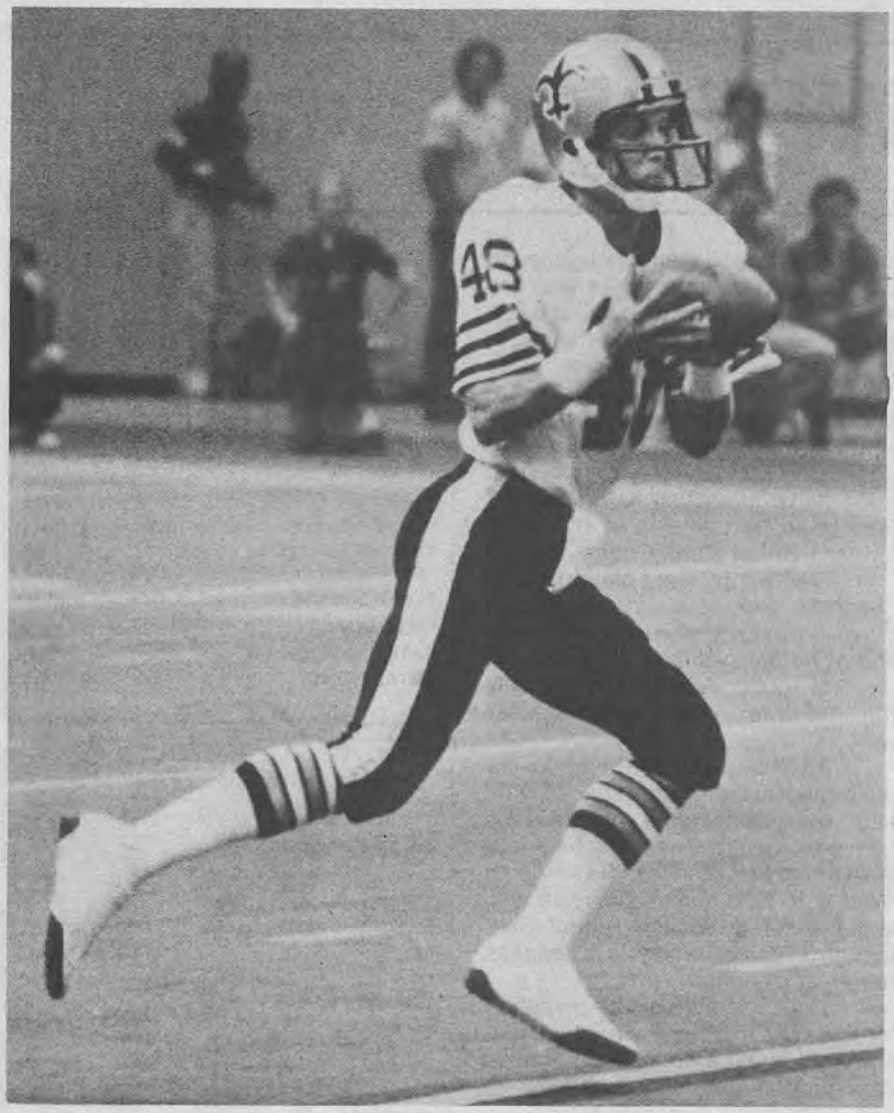
	Home	Away
Actual Record	15-30	17-27
Combined Spread Record	14-29-1	23-18-3
Favorite Spread Record	6-14-1	2-1-1
Underdog Spread Record	8-15	21-17-2

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Atlanta	(−4½)	L*	34-40
	9	at Green Bay	(+3)	L	19-28
	16	Philadelphia	(−2)	L	14-26
	23	at San Francisco	(+2½)	W	30-21
	30	N.Y. Giants	(−6)	W	24-14
O.	7	Los Angeles	(+3½)	L	17-35
	14	at Tampa Bay	(+6½)	W	42-14
	21	Detroit	(−7½)	W	17-7
	28	at Washington	(+5)	W	14-10
N.	4	at Denver	(+6½)	L	3-10
	11	San Francisco	(−7½)	W	31-20
	18	at Seattle	(+3)	L	24-38
	25	at Atlanta	(−3)	W	37-6
D.	3	Oakl'd. (Mon.)	(−3)	L	35-42
	9	San Diego	(+5)	L	0-35
	16	at Los Angeles	(+5½)	W	29-14

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-2	4-3



Jeff Groth showed growth as a receiver, finishing with 33 grabs in 1984.

Feist's Factors

- **New Orleans is 10-27 as a home favorite the past 16 years.**
- **The Saints are 5-2 ATS as home favorite against NFC East teams.**
- **New Orleans is 23-32 vs the points against AFC rivals since 1969.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Kansas City
	15	at	Denver
	22		Tampa Bay
	29	at	San Francisco
O.	6		Philadelphia
	13	at	L.A. Raiders
	20	at	Atlanta
	27		N.Y. Giants
N.	3	at	L.A. Rams
	10		Seattle
	17		Green Bay (Milw.)
	24	at	Minnesota
D.	1		L.A. Rams
	8	at	St. Louis
	15		San Francisco
	22		Atlanta

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	Atlanta	(−6)	L	28-36
	9	Tampa Bay	(−7)	L	17-13
	16	at San Francisco	(+5)	L	20-30
	23	St. Louis	(PK)	W	34-24
	30	at Houston	(−5½)	W	27-10
O.	7	at Chicago	(+2½)	L	7-20
	14	L.A. Rams	(−3½)	L	10-28
	21	at Dallas (OT)	(+6)	W	27-30
	28	at Cleveland	(+2)	W	16-14
N.	4	Green Bay	(−2)	L	13-23
	11	at Atlanta	(+1)	W	17-13
	19	Pitt. (Mon.)	(+1)	W	27-24
	25	San Francisco	(+7½)	L	3-35
D.	2	at L.A Rams	(+7)	L	21-34
	9	Cincinnati	(+2½)	L	21-24
	15	at N.Y. Giants (Sat.)	(+9½)	W	10-3

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	4-4
Combined Spread Record	2-6	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-2	4-3

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	St. Louis	(−2½)	W	28-17
	11	at L.A. Rams	(+3)	P	27-30
	18	Chicago (OT)	(−3)	P	34-31
	25	at Dallas	(+8½)	W	20-21
O.	2	Miami	(+2½)	W	17-7
	9	at Atlanta	(+2)	W	19-17
	16	San Francisco	(PK)	L	13-32
	23	at Tampa Bay	(−3)	P	24-21
	30	at Buffalo	(+2½)	L	21-27
N.	6	Atlanta	(−1)	W	27-10
	13	at San Fran.	(+4)	L	0-27
	21	N.Y.J. (Mon.)	(−3)	L	28-31
	27	Minnesota	(−2½)	L	17-16
D.	4	at New England	(PK)	L	0-7
	11	at Phila. (OT)	(+1)	W	20-17
	18	L.A. Rams	(−3)	L	24-26

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-4-1	3-3-2
Favorite Spread Record	2-4-1	0-1-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	3-2-1

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	San Francisco	(−5)	L	23-26
	14	at Chicago	(+3½)	L	3-22
	21	Buffalo	(−1)	L	26-35
	28	at Miami	(+7)	W	16-21
O.	5	St. Louis	(+1)	L	7-40
	12	at Detroit	(+11½)	W	13-24
	19	Atlanta	(+3)	L	14-41
	26	at Washington	(+10)	W	14-22
N.	2	at Los Angeles	(+14)	P	31-45
	9	Philadelphia	(+9)	L	21-34
	16	at Atlanta	(+12½)	L	13-31
	24	Los Angeles	(+10½)	L	7-27
	30	Minnesota	(+6)	W	20-23
D.	7	at San Francisco	(+6½)	W*	35-38
	14	at N.Y. Jets	(+7)	W	21-20
	21	New England	(+9)	L	27-38

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	0-8	1-7
Combined Spread Record	1-7	5-2-1
Favorite Spread Record	0-2	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-5	5-2-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at Atlanta	(+9½)	L	0-27
	13	Los Angeles	(+7)	W	23-17
	20	at N.Y. Giants	(+3½)	L	7-20
	27	at San Francisco	(+6½)	L	14-21
O.	4	Pittsburgh	(+6½)	L	6-20
	11	Philadelphia	(+9)	L	14-31
	18	at Cleveland	(+10½)	W	17-20
	25	Cincinnati	(+6)	W	17-7
N.	1	Atlanta	(+6½)	L	10-41
	8	at Los Angeles	(+11)	W	21-13
	15	at Minnesota	(+8½)	L	10-20
	22	at Houston	(+5)	W	27-24
	29	Tampa Bay	(+1)	L	14-31
D.	6	at St. Louis	(+6½)	L	3-30
	13	Green Bay	(+3½)	L	7-35
	20	San Francisco	(+7)	W	17-21

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	2-6
Combined Spread Record	3-5	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	0-0	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	3-5	3-5

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	St. Louis	(+1)	L	7-21
	19	at Chicago	(+5½)	W	10-0
	26	Denver			
O.	3	at Oakland			
	10	San Francisco			
	17	at Minnesota			
	24	at Los Angeles			
	31	Atlanta			
N.	7	Los Angeles			
	14	at San Diego			
	21	Kansas City	(+3)	W	27-17
	28	at San Francisco	(+8)	W	23-20
D.	5	Tampa Bay	(−2)	L	10-13
	12	at Atlanta	(+4)	L	0-35
	19	at Dallas	(+11)	L	7-21
	26	Washington	(NL)		10-27
J.	2	Atlanta	(+6)	W	35-6

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-3	2-2
Combined Spread Record	2-2	2-2
Favorite Spread Record	0-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	2-2

GIANTS NEW YORK Giants

Out of the ashes came the Giants last year, rebounding from a 3-12-1 record in 1983 to a 9-7 wild card playoff berth in '84. But the best news for long-suffering Giant fans is that last year's ascension to the playoffs, unlike the one in 1981, was achieved with a roster that contained 22 players with two years or less experience. And 12 of those 22 were starters during the playoffs.

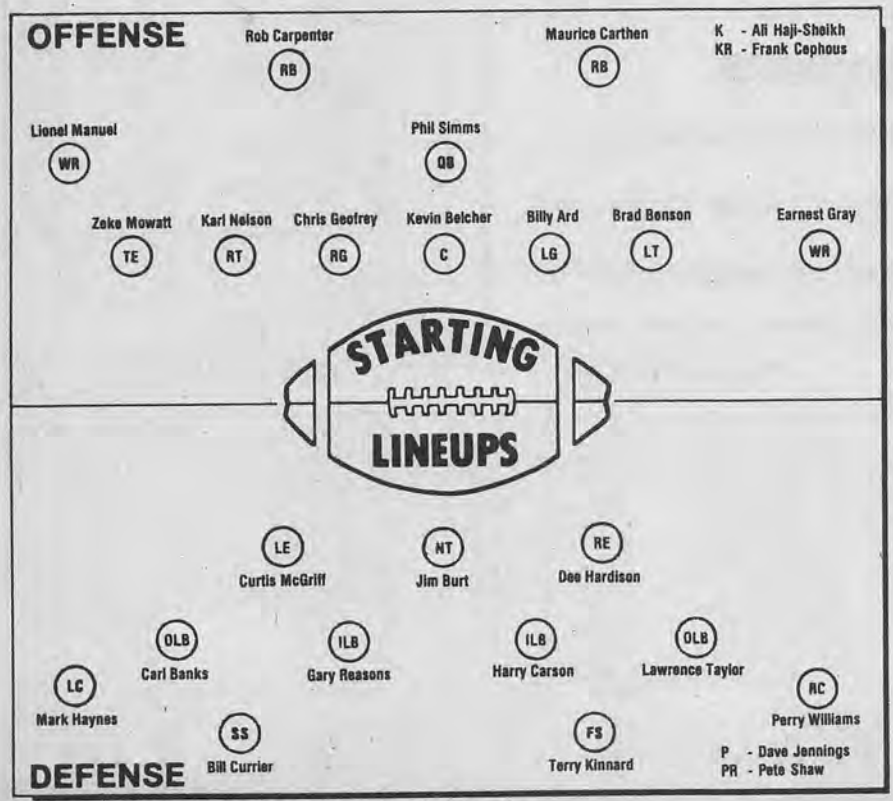
As usual, the defense was outstanding, finishing third in the NFC behind the 49ers and Bears for fewest points surrendered. And this was accomplished despite the fact that Bill Parcels elected to start rookies Carl Banks and Gary Reasons at the left linebacker posts and first-year man Perry Williams at cornerback. With a season of experience, that threesome should be even better this year. Of course, Banks and Reasons had the good fortune to learn from All-Pros Lawrence Taylor and Harry Carson while Williams was taught a few tricks by another All-Pro, fellow cornerback Mark Haynes.

But while the defense's play was expected, it was the offense which surprised folks with its explosiveness. Much of the credit must go to quarterback Phil Simms, who avoided injuries and established single-season Giant marks for attempts, completions and yardage. Parcels also should be singled out for his courage, electing to go with rookies at wide receiver (Lionel Manuel and Bobby Johnson) and along the line (Karl Nelson, William Roberts, Conrad Goode) a great deal of the time. Parcels also made a good move in shifting Kevin Belcher from guard to center and in signing former USFLer Chris Godfrey.

The Giants' most glaring weakness--the lack of a running game--may have been fortified with the selection of Kentucky's George Adams on the first round. Adams can not only run, but is an excellent receiver, as well.

Another area that needs improvement is the Giants' special team play. The kicking game was atrocious last year (Dave Jennings had four punts blocked and Ali Haji-Sheikh missed 16 field goals). The club also lacks a steady kickoff return man, though Phil McConkey is a fearless retrierver of punts.

The Giants should be even better this year than they were last season and must be considered serious contenders in the NFC East.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	GIANTS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	310	296
NET RUSH	1660	1818
Avg. Per Game	103.8	113.6
NET PASS	3632	3375
Att./Comp.	535/288	529/288
Had Int.	18	19
Avg. Per Game	227.0	210.9
PUNTS/AVG.	94/38.3	92/40.0
Punt Returns/Yds.	55/368	50/479
Avg. Per Return	6.7	9.6
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	61/1117	55/1088
Avg. Per Return	18.3	19.8
FUMBLES/LOST	17/9	24/16
FIELD GOALS	17/33	17/26
PATS	32/36	34/35
TOTAL POINTS	299	301

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Simms	533/286	18	4044	22
Galbreath	1/1	0	13	0
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Johnson	48	795	16.6	7
Mowatt	48	698	14.5	6
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Haynes	7	90	12.8	0
Williams	3	7	2.3	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Carpenter	250	795	3.2	7
Morris	133	510	3.8	4
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Jennings	90	3598	40.0	3
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Haji-Sheik	0	32/36	17/33	83
J'hnsn/Carp.	7	0/0	0/0	42

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

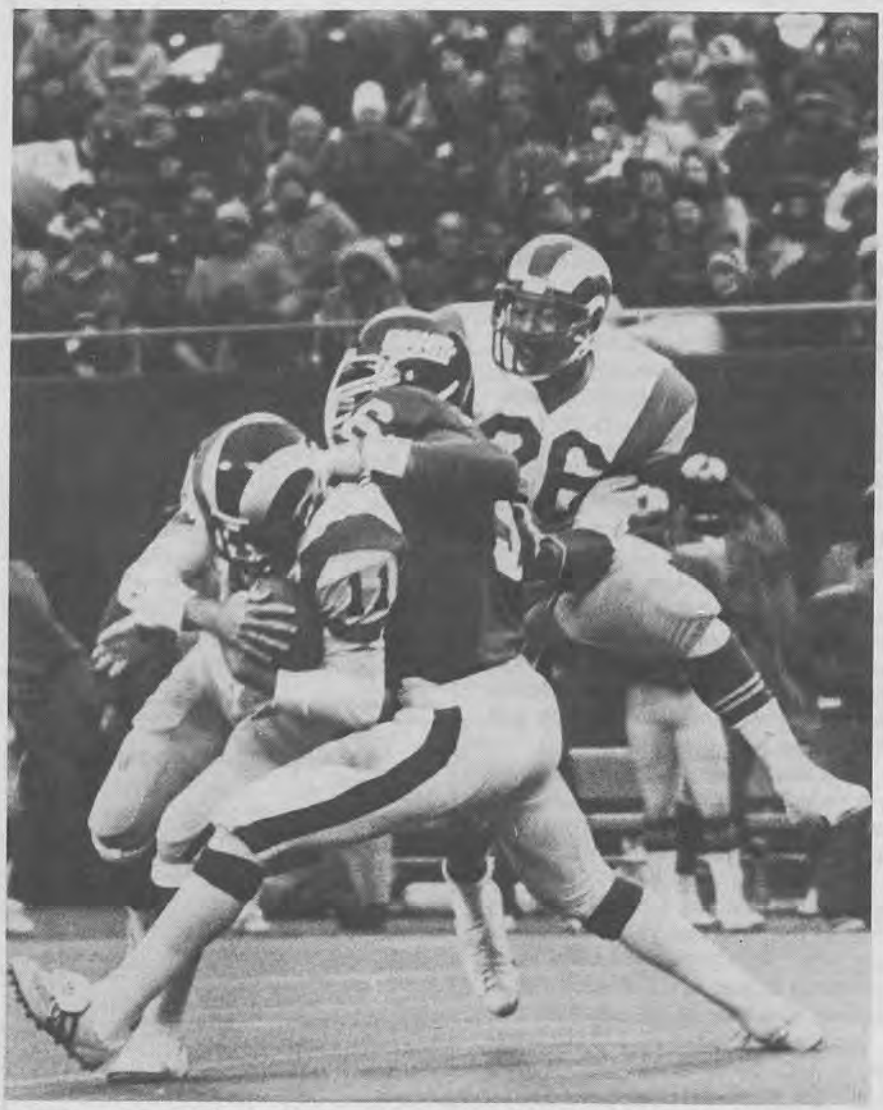
	Home	Away
Actual Record	19-26	16-27-1
Combined Spread Record	18-27	23-21
Favorite Spread Record	6-17	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	12-10	22-19

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at Philadelphia	(+7)	W	17-23
	9	St. Louis	(+1½)	L	14-27
	17	at Washington	(+6)	L	0-27
	23	Philadelphia	(−4½)	W	13-17
	30	at New Orleans	(+6)	L	14-24
O.	7	Tampa Bay	(+4½)	W	17-14
	14	San Francisco	(−5)	W	32-16
	21	at Kansas City	(+6)	W	21-17
	28	at Los Angeles	(+6½)	W	20-14
N.	4	Dallas	(+7½)	W	14-16
	11	Atlanta	(−3)	W	24-3
	18	at Tampa Bay	(+3½)	L	3-31
	25	Washington	(+1½)	W	14-6
D.	2	at Dallas	(+10½)	L	7-28
	9	at St. Louis	(+1½)	L	20-29
	16	Baltimore	(−6½)	L	7-31

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	2-6
Combined Spread Record	6-2	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	4-1	3-5



Lawrence Taylor fortified his reputation as the game's best linebacker.

Austin's Edges

- **New York is only 11-27 as home favorite vs the NFC.**
- **The Giants-Redskins series has gone to the dog 20 of the last 29 decisions.**
- **N.Y. is only 3-9 vs the points against teams from the AFC Central Division the past 16 seasons.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Philadelphia
	15	at	Green Bay
	22		St. Louis
	29	at	Philadelphia
O.	6		Dallas
	13	at	Cincinnati
	20		Washington
	27	at	New Orleans
N.	3		Tampa Bay
	10		L.A. Rams
	18	at	Washington (Mon.)
	24	at	St. Louis
D.	1		Cleveland
	8	at	Houston
	15	at	Dallas
	21		Pittsburgh (Sat.)

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	Philadelphia	(−2)	L	28-27
	9	Dallas	(+4½)	W	28-7
	16 at	Washington	(+6½)	L	14-30
	23	Tampa Bay	(−5½)	L	17-14
	30 at	L.A. Rams	(+3)	L	12-33
O.	8	San Fran (Mon)	(+4)	L	10-31
	14 at	Atlanta	(+5)	W	19-7
	21 at	Philadelphia	(−1)	L	10-24
	28	Washington	(+7)	W	37-13
N.	4 at	Dallas	(+7)	W	16-7
	11 at	Tampa Bay	(−3)	L	17-20
	18	St. Louis	(PK)	W	16-10
	25	Kansas City	(−6½)	L	28-27
D.	2 at	N.Y. Jets	(−4)	W	20-10
	9 at	St. Louis	(+4)	L	21-31
	15	New Orleans	(−9)	L	3-10

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	3-2

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	L.A. Rams	(−4)	L	6-16
	11 at	Atlanta (OT)	(+3)	W	16-13
	18 at	Dallas	(+8)	L	13-28
	26	Green Bay (Mon.)	(−2)	W	27-3
O.	2	San Diego	(−1)	L	34-41
	9	Philadelphia	(−2)	L	13-17
	16 at	Kansas City	(+2)	L	17-38
	24 at	St. Louis (Mon.)	(+1½)	W	20-20
	30	Dallas	(+7)	L	20-38
N.	7 at	Detroit (Mon.)	(+5½)	L	9-15
	13	Washington	(+8½)	L	17-33
	20 at	Philadelphia	(+5½)	W	23-0
	27 at	L.A. Raiders	(+9½)	L	12-27
D.	4	St. Louis	(PK)	L	6-10
	11	Seattle	(+3½)	L	12-17
	17 at	Washington (Sat.)	(+15)	W	22-31

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-7	2-5-1
Combined Spread Record	1-7	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-3	4-4

1980 RESULTS

S.	7 at	St. Louis	(+7)	W	41-35
	14	Washington	(+2½)	W	21-23
	22 at	Philadelphia	(+10)	L	3-35
	28	Los Angeles	(+5)	L	7-28
O.	5 at	Dallas	(+12)	L	3-24
	12	Philadelphia	(+7½)	L	16-31
	19 at	San Diego	(+14½)	L	7-44
	26	Denver	(+6)	W	9-14
N.	2 at	Tampa Bay	(+6½)	L	13-30
	9	Dallas	(+10½)	W	38-35
	16	Green Bay	(+2½)	W	27-21
	23 at	San Francisco	(+3)	L	0-12
	30	St. Louis	(+2)	L	7-23
D.	7 at	Seattle	(+8)	W	27-21
	13 at	Washington	(+6½)	W	13-16
	21	Oakland	(+7½)	L	17-33

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	0-0	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	4-4	3-5

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Philadelphia	(+6)	L	10-24
	13 at	Washington	(−3½)	W	20-7
	20	New Orleans	(−3½)	W	20-7
	27 at	Dallas	(+10½)	W	10-18
O.	4	Green Bay	(−3)	L	14-27
	11	St.Louis	(+1)	W	34-14
	18 at	Seattle	(+1½)	W	32-0
	25 at	Atlanta	(+8½)	W*	27-24
N.	1	N.Y. Jets	(−2)	L	7-26
	8 at	G. Bay (Milw.)	(+3)	W	24-26
	15	Washington	(−1½)	L*	27-30
	22 at	Philadelphia	(+9½)	W	20-10
	29 at	San Francisco	(+5½)	L	10-17
D.	6	Los Angeles	(−3½)	L	10-7
	13 at	St. Louis	(+4)	W	20-10
	19	Dallas	(+3)	W*	13-10

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	7-1
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	7-1

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	Atlanta	(−1½)	L	14-16
	20	Green Bay (M.)	(−3)	L	19-28
	26 at	Pittsburgh			
O.	3 at	Dallas			
	10	St. Louis			
	17	Cincinnati			
	25 at	Phila. (Mon.)			
	31	Dallas			
N.	7 at	Cleveland			
	14 at	Los Angeles			
	21	Washington	(PK)	L	17-27
	25 at	Det. (Thks.)	(+4½)	W	13-7
D.	5	Houston	(−7)	L	17-14
	11	Phila. (Sat.)	(−2½)	W	23-7
	19 at	Washington	(−4)	W	14-15
	26 at	St. Louis	(+1)	L	21-24
J.	2 at	Phila.	(−4½)	W	26-24

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-3	2-2
Combined Spread Record	1-4	2-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-2

NEW YORK Jets

What can you make of these Jets? The team that Walt Michaels took to the AFC Championship game in 1982 has put together back-to-back 7-9 seasons under Joe Walton, the coach who was supposed to take them the final yard to the Super Bowl. And while remnants like Mark Gastineau and Freeman McNeil remain from the Michaels era, Walton has left little doubt that these are "his Jets." Not only is Richard Todd, the most visible element of the Michaels regime, gone, but Walton has swept his own house clean, as well, retaining only special teams coach Larry Pasquale from that time.

Don't expect the changes to stop this year, either. They won't. The Jets are switching to the 3-4, becoming the last team in the AFC to do so. That in itself is not surprising. That the Jets are doing it despite weaknessnes at linebacker, is. Maybe Ron Faurot, the defensive end project who was selected in last year's draft, will pan out there. And maybe Bob Crable will have an injury free season. And maybe not.

There's also turmoil in the secondary. Is Russell Carter better at cornerback or safety?

Offensively, there are fewer changes to be made. The running back corps, despite injuries to McNeil and Bruce Harper, led the AFC in rushing as Tony Paige, Johnny Hector, Marion Barber and Cedric Minter came at defenders in waves.

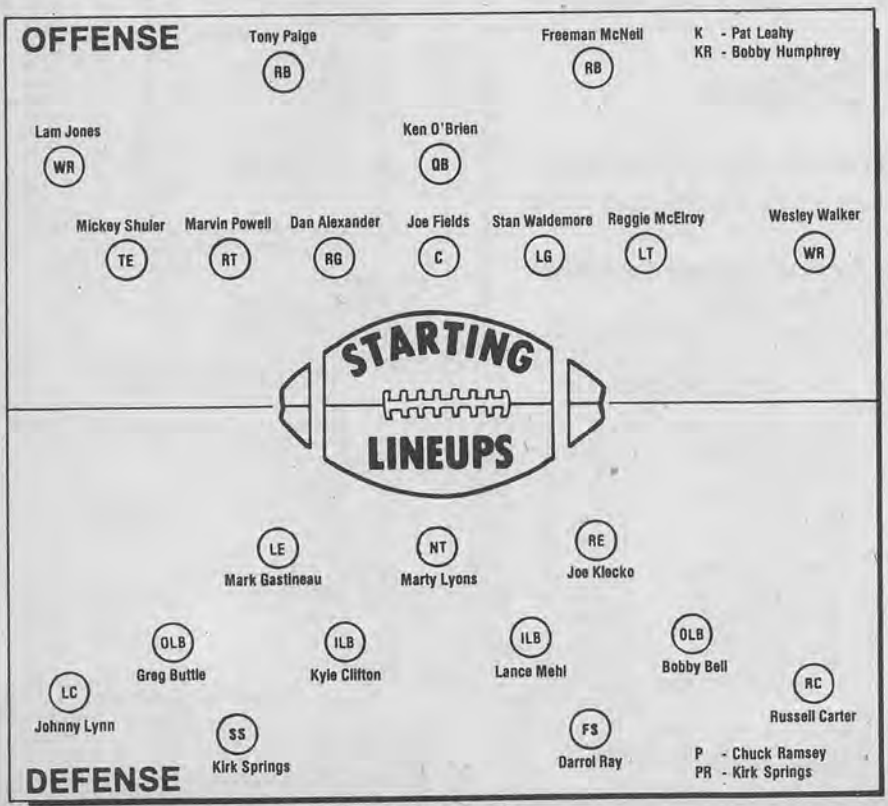
Pat Ryan started out at quarterback and led the Jets to a quick start, but that was more testimony to the calibre of competition than anything else. Clearly, Ken O'Brien is the Jets' quarterback of the present (and future).

Wesley Walker and Johnny "Lam" Jones again missed games with injuries, prompting the Jets to grab All-America receiver Al Toon with their first draft pick. Toon should aid an aerial game that ranked just 21st in the NFL last year.

It would help, too, if the offensive line, which permitted 52 sacks last year (18th in the League), played up to its potential each and every game.

The Jets are still looking for a punter to replace Chuck Ramsey (13th in the AFC last year), and probably won't find him. Pat Leahy is an adequate kicker and the kick return platoon was tops in the League.

The Jets have enough to battle for a wild card spot--but probably won't get it.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	JETS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	310	341
NET RUSH	2189	2064
Avg. Per Game	136.8	129.0
NET PASS	2959	3502
Att./Comp.	488/272	511/312
Had Int.	21	15
Avg. Per Game	184.9	218.9
PUNTS/AVG.	75/39.1	67/42.6
Punt Returns/Yds.	35/324	37/242
Avg. Per Return	9.3	6.5
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	65/1498	48/1030
Avg. Per Return	23.0	21.5
FUMBLES/LOST	26/13	34/19
FIELD GOALS	17/24	26/37
PATS	39/40	40/41
TOTAL POINTS	332	364

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Ryan	285/156	14	1939	14
O'Brien	203/116	7	1402	6
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Shuler	68	782	11.5	6
Walker	41	623	15.2	7
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Carter	4	26	6.5	0
Ray	2	54	27.0	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
McNeil	229	1070	4.7	5
Hector	124	531	4.3	1
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Ramsey	74	2935	39.7	1
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Leahy	0	39/40	17/24	90
Paige	8	0/0	0/0	48

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	22-22	20-24-1
Combined Spread Record	18-26	21-23-1
Favorite Spread Record	10-22	7-9-1
Underdog Spread Record	8-4	14-14

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Cleveland	(−3)	L*	22-25
	9	at New England	(+6½)	L	3-56
	16	Detroit	(−6½)	W	31-10
	23	at Buffalo	(+3)	L	31-46
	30	Miami	(+4)	W	33-27
O.	7	at Baltimore	(−2½)	L	8-10
	15	Minnesota	(−6)	W	14-7
	21	Oakland	(+3½)	W	28-19
	28	at Houston	(+6½)	W*	24-27
N.	4	at Green Bay	(−3½)	W	27-22
	11	Buffalo	(−6½)	L	12-14
	18	at Chicago	(+3)	L	13-23
	26	at Seattle	(+6½)	L	7-30
D.	2	Baltimore	(−4½)	W	30-17
	9	New England	(+3½)	W	27-26
	15	at Miami	(+6)	W	27-24

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	2-6
Combined Spread Record	6-2	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	3-0	2-4



Despite missing a few games, Freeman McNeil had a 1,000-yard season.

Feist's Factors

- **New York is only 23-38 as home favorite since 1969.**
- **The Jets are only 10-18 vs the points when playing the AFC West the past 16 seasons.**
- **Jets are a losing early season bet, going only 21-40 vs the points for first four games of season since '69.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	L.A. Raiders
	15		Buffalo
	22		Green Bay (Milw.)
	29		Indianapolis
O.	6	at	Cincinnati
	14		Miami (Mon.)
	20	at	New England
	27		Seattle
N.	3	at	Indianapolis
	10	at	Miami
	17		Tampa Bay
	24		New England
	28	at	Detroit (Thks.)
D.	8	at	Buffalo
	14		Chicago (Sat.)
	22		Cleveland

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Indianapolis	(−2)	W	23-14
	6	Pittsburgh	(PK)	L	17-23
	16	Cincinnati	(+2½)	W	43-23
	23	at Buffalo	(−2)	P	28-26
	30	New England	(PK)	L	21-28
O.	7	at Kansas City	(+5)	W	17-16
	14	at Cleveland	(+2)	W	24-20
	21	Kansas City	(−1)	W	28-7
	28	at New England	(+3)	L	20-30
N.	4	Miami	(+7)	L	17-31
	11	Indianapolis	(−9)	L	5-9
	18	at Houston	(−4½)	L	20-31
	26	at Miami (Mon.)	(+13½)	W	17-28
D.	2	N.Y. Giants	(+4)	L	10-20
	8	Buffalo (Sat.)	(−6)	L	21-17
	16	at Tampa Bay	(+4)	L	21-41

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	4-4
Combined Spread Record	2-6	4-3-1
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	1-1-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-2	3-2

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at San Diego	(+3)	W	41-29
	11	Seattle	(−8)	L	10-17
	18	at New England	(−6½)	L	13-23
	25	L.A. Rams (OT)	(−5½)	L	27-24
O.	3	at Buffalo (Mon.)	(PK)	W	34-10
	9	at Cleveland	(−2)	L	7-10
	16	Miami	(−3½)	L	14-32
	23	Atlanta	(−3½)	L	21-27
	30	at San Francisco	(+6)	W	27-13
N.	6	Baltimore	(−6½)	L	14-17
	13	Buffalo	(−3½)	L	17-24
	21	at New Orl. (Mon.)	(+3)	W	31-28
	27	New England	(−4)	W	26-3
D.	4	at Baltimore	(−5)	L	10-6
	10	Pittsburgh (Sat.)	(−2½)	L	7-34
	16	at Miami (Fri.)	(+7)	L	14-34

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	5-3
Combined Spread Record	1-7	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-7	1-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	3-1

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Baltimore	(−6)	L	14-17
	14	at Buffalo	(+2)	L	10-20
	21	San Francisco	(−4)	L	27-37
	28	at Baltimore	(+4½)	L	21-35
O.	5	New England	(+3½)	L	11-21
	12	at Atlanta	(+7)	W	14-7
	19	Seattle	(−2½)	L	17-27
	27	Miami	(PK)	W	17-14
N.	2	at New England	(+9½)	L	21-34
	9	Buffalo	(+3½)	L	24-31
	16	at Denver	(+6½)	L	24-31
	23	Houston	(+6)	W*	31-28
	30	at Los Angeles	(+10)	L	13-38
D.	7	at Cleveland	(+9½)	W	14-17
	14	New Orleans	(−7)	L	20-21
	20	at Miami	(+6)	W	24-17

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	2-6
Combined Spread Record	2-6	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-2	3-5

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at Buffalo	(+4)	L	0-31
	13	Cincinnati	(−4)	L	30-31
	20	at Pittsburgh	(+5½)	L	10-38
	27	Houston	(+3½)	W	33-17
O.	4	at Miami	(+6)	W*	28-28
	11	New England	(+2½)	W	28-24
	18	Buffalo	(+3)	W	33-14
	25	Seattle	(−9)	L	3-19
N.	1	at N.Y. Giants	(+2)	W	26-7
	8	at Baltimore	(−4½)	W	41-14
	15	at New England	(+2½)	W	17-6
	22	Miami	(−2)	L	16-15
	29	Baltimore	(−11½)	W	25-0
D.	6	at Seattle	(−8½)	L	23-27
	12	at Cleveland	(−2)	L	14-13
	20	Green Bay	(−3½)	W	28-3

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	4-3-1
Combined Spread Record	5-3	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	1-2
Underdog Spread Record	3-0	3-2

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	Miami	(−2)	L	28-45
	19	at New England	(−2)	W	31-7
	26	at Baltimore			
O.	3	Houston			
	10	Denver			
	18	Buffalo (Mon.)			
	24	at Kansas City			
	31	New England			
N.	7	at Buffalo			
	14	at Pittsburgh			
	21	Baltimore	(−8)	W	37-0
	28	Green Bay	(−3½)	L	15-13
D.	6	at Detroit (Mon.)	(−1)	W	28-13
	12	Tampa Bay	(−4½)	W	32-17
	18	at Miami	(−1)	L	19-20
	26	at Minnesota	(−3)	W	42-14
J.	2	at Kansas City	(−5)	L	13-37

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-1	3-2
Combined Spread Record	2-2	3-2
Favorite Spread Record	2-2	3-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-0

PHILADELPHIA Eagles

Philadelphia's progress wasn't monumental, in terms of wins and losses, the team improving slightly from the 5-11 mark in 1983 to 6-9-1 last year, but Head Coach Marion Campbell feels the Eagles are on their way towards contention again.

"I believe the nucleus of the future of the Philadelphia Eagles is already here," insisted Campbell. "The difference between the Eagles now and the Eagles a year ago is like night and day."

One of the keys for the Eagles was a defensive unit that improved dramatically from 1983 to 1984. Last year's Bird outfit had 331 takeaways, as compared to only 23 in 1983, and intercepted 20 passes, against just eight in '83. The improvement should come as no surprise since during the six years that Campbell was defensive coordinator for the Eagles (before assuming the head caoching post), Philadelphia allowed the fewest points in the NFL, an average of 15.8 points per game.

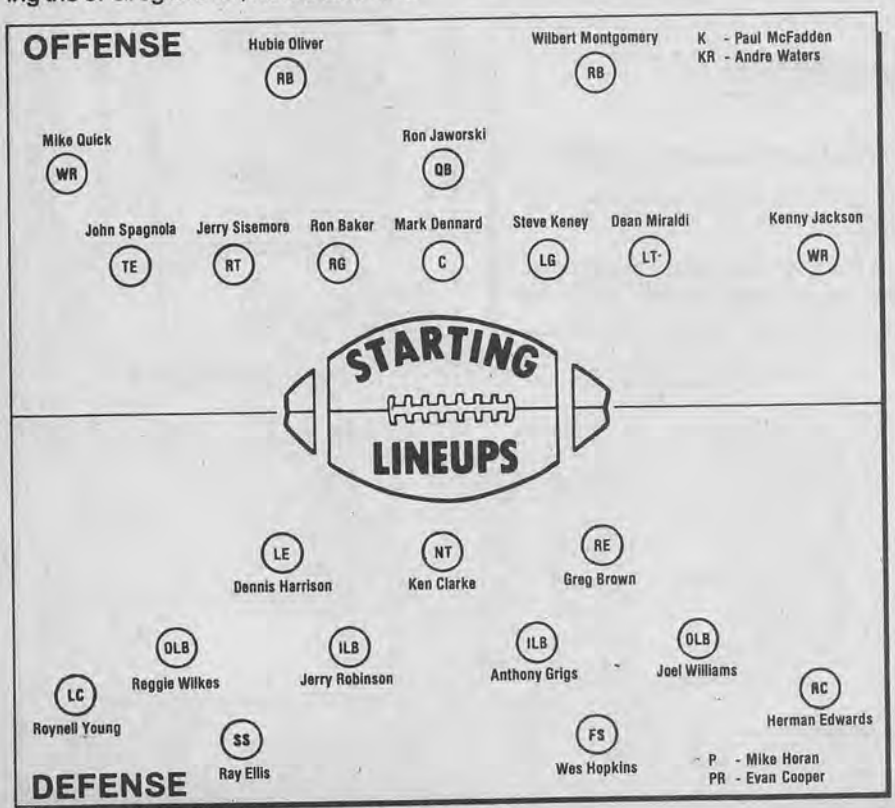
"Defensively we got our motor running again," acknowledged Campbell.

Part of the resurgence was led by a group of down linemen that accounted for 48½ sacks. The starting trio of Greg Brown, Ken Clarke and Dennis Harrison came up with 38½ of those, more than any other trio in the League. Brown's 16 traps ranked him second in the NFC while Clarke's 10½ led all nose tackles in that department. Again, the Eagles will switch to the 4-3 in short yardage situations with Byron Darby and Harvey Armstrong often getting the call.

While the Eagle defense did the job, the Philadelphia offense sputtered, especially on the ground where the Birds ranked 28th and dead last in run production. Campbell believes Wilbert Montgomery still has a 1,000-yard season or two left in his body but needs better production from the offensive line for him to prove it. The interior five also had its problems with pass protection, yielding 60 sacks.

The Eagles' special teams were indeed special earning the number one overall ranking in the League last year. Paul McFaden proved to be a deadly field goal kicker, winning NFC Rookie-of-the-Year accolades, while punter Mike Horan was second in the Conference in net punting average.

The Eagles aren't strong enough to be true contenders in the NFC East, but certainly will have an impact on who does wind up winning the division.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	EAGLES	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	280	307
NET RUSH	1338	2189
Avg. Per Game	83.6	136.8
NET PASS	3360	3050
Att./Comp.	606/331	492/262
Had Int.	17	20
Avg. Per Game	210.0	190.6
PUNTS/AVG.	92/42.2	89/39.3
Punt Returns/Yds.	40/250	58/486
Avg. Per Return	6.3	8.4
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	59/1153	69/1298
Avg. Per Return	19.5	18.8
FUMBLES/LOST	23/16	32/11
FIELD GOALS	30/37	22/35
PATS	26/27	36/36
TOTAL POINTS	278	320

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Jaworski	427/234	14	2754	16
Pisarcik	176/96	3	1036	3
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Spagnola	65	701	10.8	1
Quick	61	1052	17.2	9
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Ellis	7	119	17.0	0
Hopkins	5	107	21.4	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Montgomery	201	789	3.9	2
Oliver	72	263	3.7	0
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Horan	92	3880	42.2	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
McFadden	0	26/27	30/37	116
Quick	9	0/0	0/0	54

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

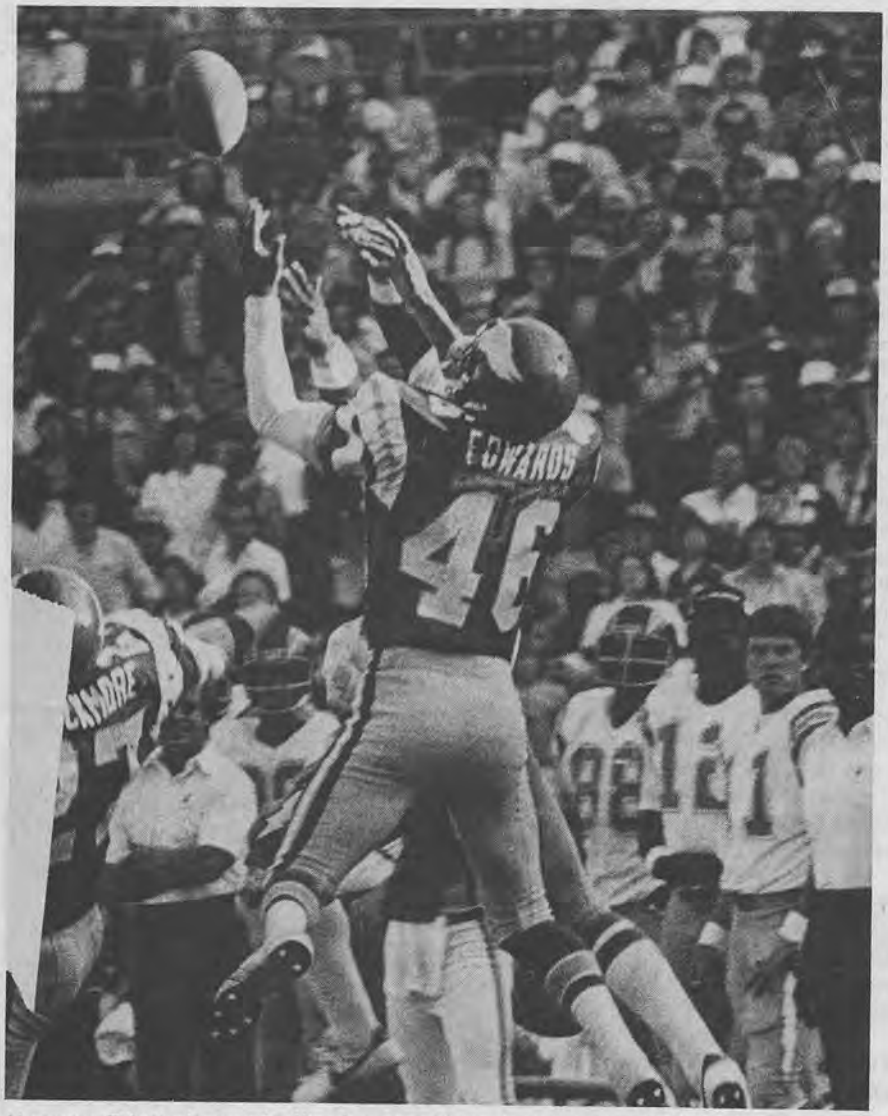
	Home	Away
Actual Record	25-20	22-21-1
Combined Spread Record	20-25	28-16
Favorite Spread Record	15-20	9-6
Underdog Spread Record	5-5	19-10

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	N.Y. Giants	(−7)	L	23-17
	10	Atlanta	(−5)	L	10-14
	16	at New Orleans	(+2)	W	26-14
	23	at N.Y. Giants	(−4½)	L	17-13
	30	Pittsburgh	(+4)	W	17-14
O.	7	Washington	(−3½)	W	28-17
	14	at St. Louis	(+2½)	W	24-20
	21	at Washington	(+3½)	L	7-17
	28	at Cincinnati	(+2)	L	13-37
N.	4	Cleveland	(−3)	L	19-24
	12	at Dallas	(+9½)	W	31-21
	18	St. Louis	(−4)	L	16-13
	25	at Green Bay	(−4)	W	21-10
D.	2	Detroit	(−8½)	W	44-7
	8	Dallas	(+3½)	L	17-24
	16	at Houston	(+4)	W	26-20

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	6-2
Combined Spread Record	3-5	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-4	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	4-2



Herman Edwards needs five interceptions to become Philly's theft king.

Austin's Edges

- **Philadelphia has the Giants' number, 12-3 as dog vs this division rival since 1969.**
- **The favorite is only 11-20 vs the points when the Eagles have met NFC West teams the past 16 years.**
- **Philly owns a 10-3 pointspread record as an underdog vs AFC East opponents.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	N.Y. Giants
	15		L.A. Rams
	22	at	Washington
	29		N.Y. Giants
O.	6	at	New Orleans
	13	at	St. Louis
	20		Dallas
	27		Buffalo
N.	3	at	San Francisco
	10		Atlanta
	17		St. Louis
	24	at	Dallas
D.	1		Minnesota
	8		Washington
	15	at	San Diego
	22	at	Minnesota

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at N.Y. Giants	(+2)	W	27-28
	9	Minnesota	(−4½)	L	19-17
	16	at Dallas	(+8½)	W	17-23
	23	San Fran.	(+3½)	L	9-21
	30	at Washington	(+10)	L	0-20
O.	7	at Buffalo	(+1)	W	27-17
	14	Indianapolis	(−6)	W	16-7
	21	N.Y. Giants	(+1)	W	24-10
	28	St. Louis	(+3½)	L	14-34
N.	4	at Detroit (OT)	(+3)	W	23-23
	11	at Miami	(+15½)	W	23-24
	18	Washington	(+6)	W	16-10
	25	at St. Louis	(+5)	W	16-17
D.	2	Dallas	(+4)	L	10-26
	9	New England	(+3)	W	27-17
	16	at Atlanta	(−3)	L	10-26

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	1-6-1
Combined Spread Record	4-4	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-1	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	3-3	6-1

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at San Francisco	(+4)	W	22-17
	11	Washington	(PK)	L	13-23
	18	at Denver (OT)	(+2½)	W	13-10
	25	St. Louis	(−6½)	L	11-14
O.	2	at Atlanta	(+3½)	W	28-24
	9	at Giants	(+2)	W	17-13
	16	at Dallas	(+7)	L	7-37
	23	Chicago	(−4½)	L	6-7
	30	Baltimore	(−5)	L	21-22
N.	6	at Dallas	(+6½)	L	20-27
	13	at Chicago	(+1)	L	14-17
	20	N.Y. Giants	(−5½)	L	0-23
	27	at Washington	(+15)	W	24-28
D.	4	L.A. Rams	(+4½)	W	13-9
	11	New Orl. (OT)	(−1)	L	17-20
	18	at St. Louis	(+6)	L	7-31

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-7	4-4
Combined Spread Record	1-7	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	0-6	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	5-3

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Denver	(−3)	W	27-6
	14	at Minnesota	(−3½)	W	42-7
	22	N.Y.G. (Mon.)	(−10)	W	35-3
	28	at St. Louis	(−5½)	L	14-24
O.	5	Washington	(−7)	W	24-14
	12	at N.Y. Giants	(−7½)	W	31-16
	19	Dallas	(−3)	W	17-10
	26	Chicago	(−7½)	L	17-14
N.	2	at Seattle	(−2)	W	27-20
	9	at New Orleans	(−9)	W	34-21
	16	at Washington	(−5½)	W	24-0
	23	Oakland	(−6)	L	10-7
	30	at San Diego	(+3½)	W	21-22
D.	7	Atlanta	(−6)	L	17-20
	14	St. Louis	(−9)	W	17-3
	21	at Dallas	(+4)	L	27-35

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	5-3
Combined Spread Record	5-3	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	5-3	5-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	5-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at N.Y. Giants	(−6)	W	24-10
	13	New England	(−3½)	W	13-3
	17	at Buffalo (Thur.)	(+4)	W	20-14
	27	Washington	(−9½)	W	36-13
O.	5	Atl. (Mon.)	(−2)	W	16-13
	11	at New Orleans	(−9)	W	31-14
	18	at Minnesota	(−3½)	L	23-35
	25	Tampa Bay	(−9)	W	20-10
N.	1	Dallas	(−3½)	L	14-17
	8	at St. Louis	(−5)	W	52-10
	15	Baltimore	(−14)	W	38-13
	22	N.Y. Giants	(−9½)	L	10-20
	30	at Miami (Mon.)	(−3)	L	10-13
D.	6	at Washington	(−4)	L	13-15
	13	at Dallas	(+4)	L	10-21
	20	St. Louis	(−8)	W	38-0

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	4-4
Combined Spread Record	6-2	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	6-2	3-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-1

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	Washington	(−6½)	L	34-37
	19	at Cleveland	(+3)	W	24-21
	26	Los Angeles			
O.	3	G. Bay (Milw.)			
	11	at Pitts. (Mon.)			
	17	Dallas			
	25	N.Y.G. (Mon.)			
	31	at St. Louis			
N.	7	Detroit			
	15	at Atl. (Mon.)			
	21	Cincinnati	(−1)	L	14-18
	28	at Washington	(+2½)	L	9-13
D.	5	St. Louis	(−6½)	L	20-23
	11	at N.Y.G. (Sat.)	(+2½)	L	7-23
	19	Houston	(−6½)	W	35-14
	26	at Dallas	(+9)	W	24-20
J.	2	Giants	(−4½)	L	24-26

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-4	2-2
Combined Spread Record	1-4	2-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-2

PITTSBURGH Steelers

Pittsburgh enters the '84 season in the midst of a transition that has seen an influx of many new players and a return to the playoffs the past three years. Fifteen rookies made the club and nine of them wound up starting at least one game.

The key to the Pittsburgh offense in 1984 was its ability to run the football. There was a direct correlation between the team's success on the ground and the ultimate outcome of its games. In seven regular season losses, the Steelers averaged 103 yards a game rushing. In nine victories, the mark jumped to 162 yards per outing. Pittsburgh missed leading the AFC in rushing by just 11 yards.

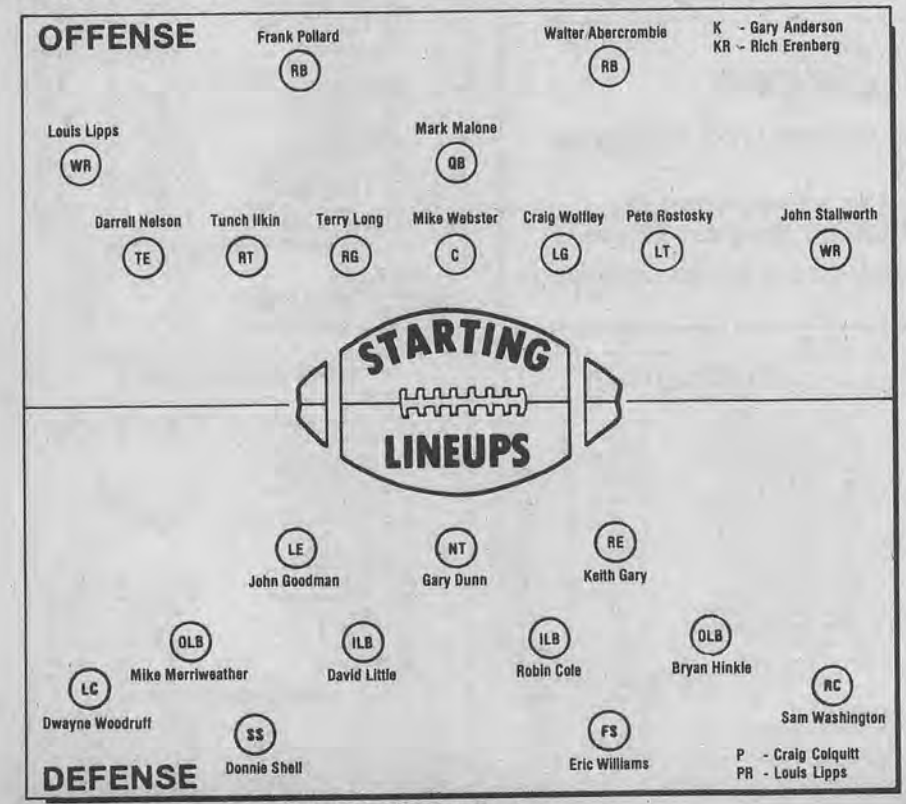
The Steelers did not throw often--just 40 percent of the time-but when they did, they were very productive, averaging 14.66 yards per completion, the best figure in the NFL. Chuck Noll's forces were greatly aided by Rookie-of-the-Year Louis Lipps and the resurgence of John Stallworth, who enjoyed his finest season. Mark Malone may improve now that he has the starting QB job secured, and there's depth at running back, too. The offensive line is headed by perennial All-Pro center Mike Webster.

The Steelers led the AFC in fewest yards rushing, lowest averaged per rushing attempt and fewest first downs rushing. Only one opposing player gained 100 yards and Pittsburgh shut down all six 1,000-yard rushers it faced. However, to gain those impressive numbers, the Steelers made sacrifices in their coverages. The team ranked 15th in yards allowed passing and permitted opponents to complete better than 58 percent of their passes. One reason given was that Pittsburgh's best pass rushers, Keith Willis and Keith Gary, both were bothered by nagging injuries all season.

For the 15th straight year, Pittsburgh sent a linebacker to the Pro Bowl, but for the first time in 10 seasons, it wasn't Jack Lambert. Robin Cole and Mike Merriweather went instead as Lambert fought a broken toe. His status remains doubtful.

Donnie Shell heads up a secondary that would benefit from a better pass rush and in Gary Anderson, the Steelers have a superior kicking specialist. Craig Colquitt had his ups and downs punting in Pittsburgh.

The Steelers will not dominate the AFC Central Division, but will be a slim favorite to win there again.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	STEELERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	302	282
NET RUSH	2179	1617
Avg. Per Game	136.2	101.1
NET PASS	3241	3299
Att./Comp.	443/240	515/299
Had Int.	25	31
Avg. Per Game	202.6	206.2
PUNTS/AVG.	70/41.2	90/42.4
Punt Returns/Yds.	61/696	37/351
Avg. Per Return	11.4	9.5
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	54/1026	61/1338
Avg. Per Return	19.0	21.9
FUMBLES/LOST	40/15	30/11
FIELD GOALS	24/32	22/28
PATS	45/45	35/35
TOTAL POINTS	387	310

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Malone	272/147	17	2137	16
Woodley	156/85	7	1273	8
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Stallworth	80	1395	17.4	11
Lipps	45	860	19.1	9
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Shell	7	61	8.7	1
Washington	6	138	23.0	2
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Pollard	213	851	4.0	6
Abercrombie	145	610	4.2	1
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Colquitt	70	2883	41.2	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Anderson	0	45/45	24/32	117
Stallw'th/Lipps	11	0/0	0/0	66

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

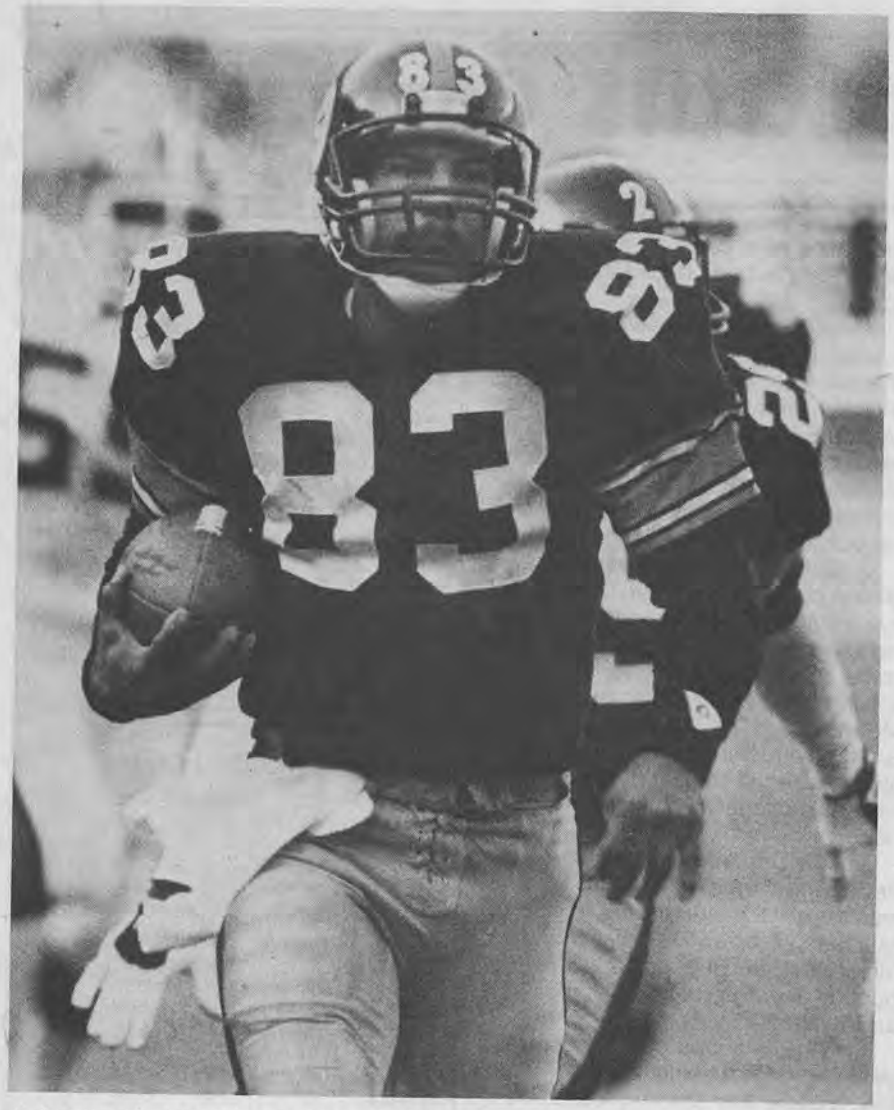
	Home	Away
Actual Record	33-11	21-24
Combined Spread Record	25-19	17-27-1
Favorite Spread Record	25-18	9-23
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	8-4-1

1979 RESULTS

S.	3	at New England	(−2)	W*	16-13
	9	Houston	(−6)	W	38-7
	16	at St. Louis	(−6½)	L	24-21
	23	Baltimore	(−13)	L	17-13
	30	at Philadelphia	(−4)	L	14-17
O.	7	at Cleveland	(−4)	W	51-35
	14	at Cincinnati	(−7)	L	10-34
	22	Denver	(−7½)	W	42-7
	28	Dallas	(−3½)	W	14-3
N.	4	Washington	(−10½)	W	38-7
	11	at Kansas City	(−10)	W	30-3
	18	at San Diego	(−4)	L	7-35
	25	Cleveland	(−10½)	L	33-30
D.	2	Cincinnati	(−13)	W	37-17
	10	at Houston	(−3½)	L	17-20
	16	Buffalo	(−12½)	W	28-0

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	8-0	4-4
Combined Spread Record	6-2	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	6-2	3-5
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-0



A frequently loose Louis Lipps bolstered Steelers' receiving contingent.

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8		Indianapolis
	16	at	Cleveland (Mon.)
	22		Houston
	30		Cincinnati (Mon.)
O.	6	at	Miami
	13	at	Dallas
	20		St. Louis
	27	at	Cincinnati
N.	3		Cleveland
	10	at	Kansas City
	17	at	Houston
	24		Washington
D.	1		Denver
	5	at	San Diego (Thurs.)
	15		Buffalo
	21	at	N.Y. Giants (Sat.)

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	Kansas City	(−6)	L	27-37
	6	at N.Y. Jets	(PK)	W	23-17
	16	L.A. Rams	(−3)	W	24-14
	23	at Cleveland	(−3)	L	10-20
O.	1	Cinn. (Mon.)	(−4½)	W	38-17
	7	Miami	(+5½)	L	7-31
	14	at San Francisco	(+9½)	W	20-17
	21	at Indianapolis	(−5)	L	16-17
	28	Atlanta	(−3)	W	35-10
N.	4	Houston	(−13½)	W	35-10
	11	at Cincinnati	(−1½)	L	20-22
	19	at New Orl.(Mon.)	(−1)	L	24-27
	25	San Diego	(−2)	W	52-24
D.	2	at Houston (OT)	(−7)	L	20-23
	9	Cleveland	(−7)	L	23-20
	16	at L.A. Raiders	(+6½)	W	13-7

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-3	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	5-2	1-5
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	2-0

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Denver	(−7½)	L	10-14
	11	at Green Bay	(+1)	W	25-21
	18	at Houston	(−5½)	W	40-28
	25	New England	(−8)	L	23-28
O.	2	Houston	(−11)	L	17-10
	10	at Cinn. (Mon.)	(−1)	W	24-14
	16	Cleveland	(−3)	W	44-17
	23	at Seattle	(+1)	W	27-21
	30	Tampa Bay	(−10½)	L	17-12
N.	6	San Diego	(−5)	W	26-3
	13	at Baltimore	(−3½)	W	24-13
	20	Minnesota	(−7)	L	14-17
	24	at Detroit (Thurs.)	(−3)	L	3-45
D.	4	Cincinnati	(−4½)	L	10-23
	10	at N.Y.J. (Sat.)	(+2½)	W	34-7
	18	at Cleveland	(+3)	L	17-30

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	6-2
Combined Spread Record	2-6	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	2-6	3-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	3-1

Feist's Factors

- **Pittsburgh is 10-6 as a home underdog since 1969.**
- **Pitt is only 19-26 vs the points against the AFC West the past 16 seasons.**
- **The Steelers are 11-6 vs the points as a home favorite against the AFC East.**

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	Houston	(−6½)	W	31-17
	14	at Baltimore	(−6½)	L	20-17
	21	at Cincinnati	(−7)	L	28-30
	28	Chicago	(−13)	W	38-3
O.	5	at Minnesota	(−7½)	L	23-17
	12	Cincinnati	(−13)	L	16-17
	20	Oakland	(−10)	L	34-45
	26	at Cleveland	(−3)	L	26-27
N.	2	Green Bay	(−13½)	L	22-20
	9	at Tampa Bay	(−6½)	L	24-21
	16	Cleveland	(−6)	L	16-13
	23	at Buffalo	(−2½)	L	13-28
	30	Miami	(−6½)	W	23-10
D.	4	at Hou. (Thurs.)	(+2½)	L	0-6
		Kansas City	(−8)	L	21-16
		San Diego	(+4)	L	17-26

80 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-5	0-8
Favorite Spread Record	3-5	0-6
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-2

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Kansas Cit	(−9½)	L	33-37
	10	at Miami (Thur.)	(+2)	L	10-30
	20	N.Y. Jets	(−5½)	W	38-10
	27	New England	(−3½)	W	27-21
O.	4	at New Orleans	(−6½)	W	20-6
	11	Cleveland	(−3½)	W	13-7
	18	at Cincinnati	(−1)	L	7-34
	26	Hou. (Mon.)	(−5½)	W	26-13
N.	1	San Francisco	(−4½)	L	14-17
	8	at Seattle	(−5)	L	21-24
	15	at Atlanta	(+5)	W	34-20
	22	at Cleveland	(+2½)	W	32-10
	29	Los Angeles	(−6½)	W	24-0
D.	7	at Oak. (Mon.)	(−4)	L	27-30
	13	Cincinnati	(PK)	L	10-17
	20	at Houston	(+1)	P	20-21

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-3	3-4-1
Favorite Spread Record	5-3	1-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-1-1

1982 RESULTS

S.	13	at Dallas (Mon.)	(+5)	W	36-28
	19	Cincinnati	(PK)	W	26-20
	26	N.Y. Giants			
O.	3	at Denver			
	11	Phila. (Mon.)			
	17	at Washington	STRIKE		
	24	Cleveland			
	31	at Cincinnati			
N.	7	Houston			
	14	N.Y. Jets			
	21	at Houston	(−6½)	W	24-10
	28	at Seattle	(−6½)	L	0-16
D.	5	Kansas City	(−6½)	W	35-14
	12	at Buffalo	(−1)	L	0-13
	19	at Cleveland	(−4)	L	9-10
	26	New England	(−6½)	W	37-14
J.	2	Cleveland	(−7½)	W	37-21

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-0	2-3
Combined Spread Record	4-0	2-3
Favorite Spread Record	4-0	1-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-0

ST. LOUIS Cardinals

The Cardinals fell a field goal short of the playoffs last year, losing their season finale to Washington, 29-27, but Head Coach Jim Hanifan thinks the Redbirds can profit from the experience.

"We certainly made some significant gains," said Hanifan. "The team has developed a confidence overall and a confidence in their teammates' abilities. This is a significant step forward. We battled back from that three game slump and were in this thing until the last game. The guys could have swallowed the olive but they didn't.

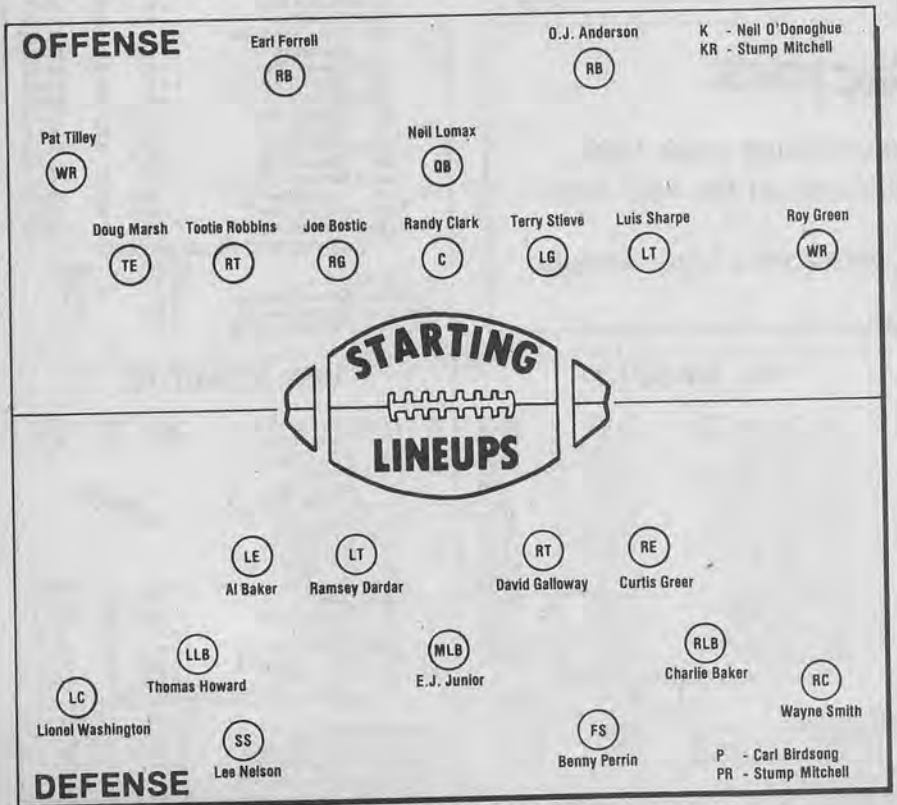
St. Louis has no glaring weaknesses and many obvious strengths. The offense, led by Neil Lomax, Roy Green and Ottis Anderson, is lethal. Lomax established Cardinal marks for completions, attempts and yardage while Green equalled his record for catches (78) in a season and broke his own yardage mark. Anderson now holds nearly every single-season and career rushing mark in Cardinal history and his 70 receptions in '84 were second only to Green in the record books. The Cardinals also have another superior weapon in Stump Mitchell, the diminutive running back who scored 11 touchdowns and did everything from catching and running the football to bring back kickoffs and punts.

While the defense was overshadowed by St. Louis' third-ranked offense, that platoon, nevertheless, finished ninth in the League. Linebacker E. J. Junior was a stickout, earning a Pro Bowl berth at middle linebacker despite the fact that injuries to others necessitated his playing outside backer for 10 games.

Curtis Greer again was the sack leader, coming up with 14, but the unit overall must do a better job at pressuring the passer. St. Louis may have come up with some help for this problem via the draft. Freddie Joe Nunn, a standup end at Mississippi State, could be a rushing outside linebacker ala a Lawrence Taylor or Vernon Maxwell. At least that's what the Cardinals hope.

The Cardinal kicking game is no better than mediocre. O'Donoghue was 14-of-16 inside the 40 yard line, but just 23-of-35 overall, with five blocked. Carl Birdsong's 38.7-yard punting average was 13th in the AFC and only 27th in the NFL.

St. Louis was oh so close last year and should be right in the thick of the struggle this season, too.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	CARDINALS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	345	290
NET RUSH	2086	1923
Avg. Per Game	130.4	120.2
NET PASS	4262	3171
Att./Comp.	566/347	494/251
Had Int.	16	21
Avg. Per Game	266.4	198.2
PUNTS/AVG.	68/38.1	81/38.9
Punt Returns/Yds.	47/399	27/239
Avg. Per Return	8.5	8.9
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	73/1563	85/1549
Avg. Per Return	21.4	18.2
FUMBLES/LOST	32/20	21/12
FIELD GOALS	23/35	25/38
PATS	48/51	36/39
TOTAL POINTS	423	345

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Lomax	560/345	16	4619	28
McIvor	4/0	0	0	0
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Green	78	1555	19.9	12
Anderson	70	611	8.7	2
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Washington	5	42	8.4	0
W. Smith	4	35	8.8	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Anderson	289	1174	4.1	6
Mitchell	81	434	5.4	9
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Birdsong	67	2592	38.7	1
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
O'Donoghue	0	48/51	23/35	117
Green	12	0/0	0/0	72

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	20-23-1	19-26
Combined Spread Record	20-24	25-20
Favorite Spread Record	10-13	8-4
Underdog Spread Record	10-11	17-16

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Dallas	(+4½)	W	21-22
	9	at N.Y. Giants	(−1½)	W	27-14
	16	Pittsburgh	(+6½)	W	21-24
	23	Washington	(−4½)	L	7-17
	30	at Los Angeles	(+6)	L	0-21
O.	7	at Houston	(+7½)	W	24-17
	14	Philadelphia	(−2½)	L	20-24
	21	at Dallas	(+10½)	W	13-32
	28	Cleveland	(−3)	L	20-38
N.	4	Minnesota	(−4½)	W	37-7
	11	at Washington	(+3)	W	28-30
	18	at Philadelphia	(+4)	W	13-16
	25	at Cincinnati	(+3)	L	28-34
D.	2	San Francisco	(−7)	L	13-10
	9	N.Y. Giants	(−1½)	W	29-20
	16	at Chicago	(+5)	L	6-42

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-5	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	2-4	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	4-3



Neil Lomax's aerials had Cards within an eyelash of a 1984 playoff spot.

Austin's Edges

- **St. Louis is continually scalped by Redskins, only 7-24 vs points since 1969.**
- **The Cards are only 4-8 as an away dog vs NFC Central Division.**
- **The Cardinals are 22-32 vs the pointspread as a home favorite against NFC the past 16 years.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	Cleveland
	15		Cincinnati
	22	at	N.Y. Giants
	29		Green Bay
O.	7	at	Washington (Mon.)
	13		Philadelphia
	20	at	Pittsburgh
	27		Houston
N.	4		Dallas (Mon.)
	10	at	Tampa Bay
	17	at	Philadelphia
	24		N.Y. Giants
	28	at	Dallas (Thks.)
D.	8		New Orleans
	15	at	L.A. Rams
	22		Washington (Sat.)

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Green Bay	(+3)	W	23-24
	9	Buffalo	(−7)	W	37-7
	16	at Indianapolis	(−5½)	L	34-33
	23	at New Orleans	(PK)	L	24-34
	30	Miami	(+4)	L	28-36
O.	7	at Dallas	(+6)	W	31-20
	14	Chicago	(−3)	W	38-21
	21	Washington	(+3½)	W	26-24
	28	at Philadelphia	(−3½)	W	34-14
N.	4	L.A. Rams	(−6½)	L	13-16
	11	Dallas	(−5½)	L	17-24
	18	at N.Y. Giants	(PK)	L	10-16
	25	Philadelphia	(−5)	L	17-16
D.	2	at New England	(+5½)	W	33-10
	9	N.Y. Giants	(−4)	W	31-21
	16	Washington	(−2)	L	27-29

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	4-4	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	1-3
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	4-0

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	at New Orleans	(+2½)	L	17-28
	11	Dallas	(+6)	L	17-34
	18	San Francisco	(+3½)	L	27-42
	25	at Philadelphia	(+6½)	W	14-11
O.	2	at Kansas City	(+3)	L	14-38
	9	Washington	(+7)	L	14-38
	16	at Tampa Bay	(+3)	W	34-27
	24	N.Y.G. (Mon.)	(−1½)	L	20-20
	30	Minnesota	(+3½)	W	41-31
N.	6	at Washington	(+10)	L	7-45
	13	Seattle	(+3)	W	33-28
	20	San Diego	(PK)	W	44-14
	24	at Dallas (Thks.)	(+10)	L	17-35
D.	4	at N.Y. Giants	(PK)	W	10-6
	11	at L.A. Raiders	(+9)	W	34-24
	18	Philadelphia	(−6)	W	31-7

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-3-1	4-4
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-3	3-4

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	N.Y. Giants	(−7)	L	35-41
	14	at San Francisco	(+3½)	W*	21-24
	21	at Detroit	(+7½)	L	7-20
	28	Philadelphia	(+5½)	W	24-14
O.	5	at New Orleans	(−1)	W	40-7
	12	Los Angeles	(+3)	L	13-21
	19	at Washington	(+4)	L	0-23
	26	at Baltimore	(+9)	W	17-10
N.	2	Dallas	(+5)	W	24-27
	9	Atlanta	(+2)	L*	27-33
	16	at Dallas	(+9)	L	21-31
	23	Kansas City	(−1)	L	13-21
	30	at N.Y. Giants	(−2)	W	23-7
D.	7	Detroit	(−3)	L	24-23
	14	at Philadelphia	(+9)	W	3-17
	21	Washington	(PK)	l	7-31

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	3-5
Combined Spread Record	2-6	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	0-4	2-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-2	3-3

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Miami	(+1)	L	7-20
	13	at Dallas	(+10½)	L	17-30
	20	Washington	(−3½)	W	40-30
	27	at Tampa Bay	(+1)	L	10-20
O.	4	Dallas	(+6)	W	20-17
	11	at N.Y. Giants	(−1)	L	14-34
	18	at Atlanta	(+8)	L	20-41
	25	Minnesota	(+2½)	W	30-17
N.	1	at Washington	(+3½)	L	21-42
	8	Philadelphia	(+4½)	L	10-52
	15	Buffalo	(+5½)	W	24-0
	22	at Baltimore	(−2)	W	35-24
	29	at New England	(+4)	W	27-20
D.	6	New Orleans	(−6½)	W	30-3
	13	N.Y. Giants	(−4)	L	10-20
	20	at Philadelphia	(+8)	L	0-38

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	2-6
Combined Spread Record	5-3	2-6
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	3-2	1-5

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at New Orleans	(−1)	W	21-7
	19	Dallas	(+5)	L	7-24
	26	at Washington			
O.	3	Los Angeles			
	10	at N.Y. Giants			
	17	Chicago			
	24	at New England			
	31	Philadelphia			
N.	7	at Dallas			
	14	Seattle			
	21	San Francisco	(+3½)	L	21-30
	28	at Atlanta	(+6½)	W	23-20
D.	5	at Philadelphia	(+6½)	W	23-20
	12	Washington	(+1)	L	7-12
	19	at Chicago	(−1)	W	10-7
	26	N.Y. Giants	(−1)	W	24-21
J.	2	at Washington	(+5)	L	0-28

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-3	4-1
Combined Spread Record	1-3	4-1
Favorite Spread Record	1-0	2-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-3	2-1

SAN DIEGO Chargers

Again, San Diego did the job on offense last year, but the defense let the Chargers down, a scenario which could well repeat itself in 1985. San Diego's defense ranked 26th overall in the NFL last year and 28th against the pass.

"We have to improve our pass rush and we have to improve our pass coverage," admitted Head Coach Don Coryell. "If you have only one, you're in trouble." And if you have neither, you're *really* in trouble. The Chargers need to put more pressure on the quarterback, Keith Ferguson's meager total of eight sacks leading the club last year. San Diego also needs a healthier secondary. Last year 10 different players started, and no one for all 16 games.

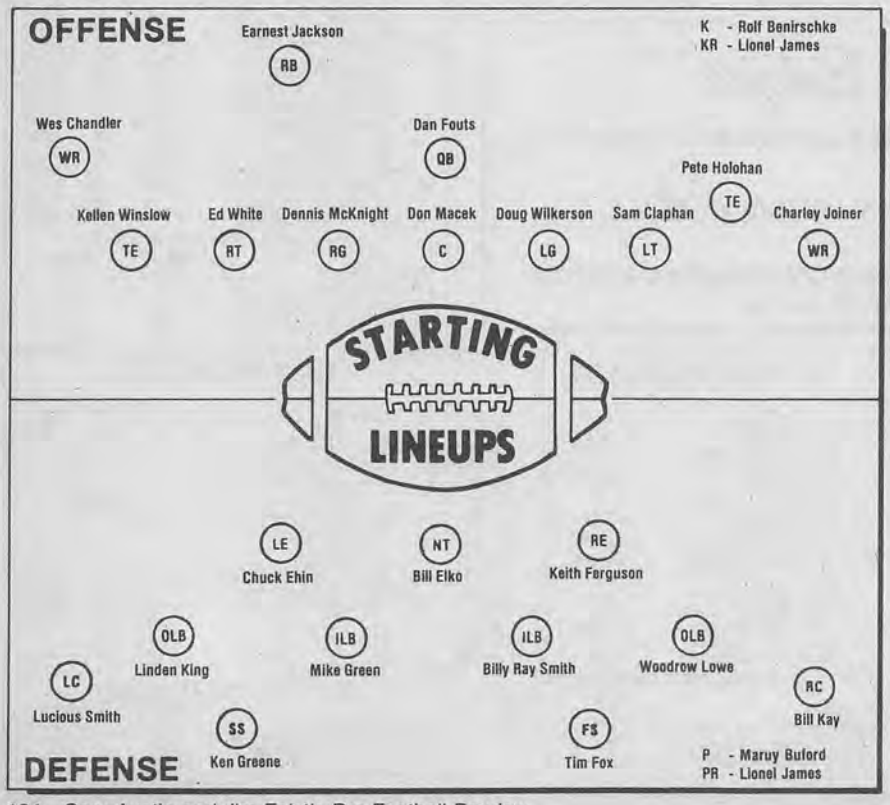
Where the Chargers did improve was at linebacker as Mike Green and Billy Ray Smith emerged as solid inside stoppers.

There were the usual pyrotechnics on offense as San Diego set an NFL record with 401 pass completions and set club marks with 662 pass attempts and 1,154 offensive plays. Dan Fouts appears to have a few productive seasons left, but the status of terrific tight end Kellen Winslow, following corrective knee surgery, remains in doubt. Winslow's career is seen in jeopardy. The remainder of the receiving crew is blue ribbon, as well, with Charlie Joiner, Wes Chandler and Bobby Duckworth out wide and Eric Sievers and Pete Holohan at tight end.

The Chargers also ran the ball effectively last year as Earnest Jackson led the AFC in rushing and wound up playing in the Pro Bowl. Jackson's 1,179 yards rushing are a San Diego single-season record.

It was the offensive line that really paved the way for San Diego's offensive exploits. The Chargers finished second to Miami in allowing sacks per passing attempts. It was the first time in three years that San Diego failed to lead in this category, but that was more Miami's accomplishment than San Diego's disappointment. Leaders of the interior fivesome were graybeards Ed White, a 17-year veteran and Doug Wilkerson, who has toiled one season less.

The Chargers also have a solid kicking game with Maury Buford and Rolf Benirschke, but the team was 0-8 within its own division last year and would have to show dramatic improvement to challenge for a playoff spot in the NFL's toughest territory. Don't count on it.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	CHARGERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	374	322
NET RUSH	1654	1851
Avg. Per Game	103.4	115.7
NET PASS	4643	4085
Att./Comp.	662/401	530/323
Had Int.	21	19
Avg. Per Game	290.2	255.3
PUNTS/AVG.	66/42.0	73/39.6
Punt Returns/Yds.	33/212	43/402
Avg. Per Return	6.4	9.3
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	63/1319	20.9
Avg. Per Return	72/1437	20.0
FUMBLES/LOST	35/17	34/17
FIELD GOALS	20/29	19/25
PATS	46/48	50/51
TOTAL POINTS	394	413

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Fouts	507/317	17	3740	19
Luther	151/83	3	1163	5
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Joiner	61	793	13.0	6
Holohan	56	734	13.1	1
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Byrd	4	157	39.3	2
Lowe	3	61	20.3	1
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Jackson	296	1179	4.0	8
McGee	67	226	3.4	4
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Buford	66	2773	42.0	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Benirschke	0	41/43	17/26	92
Jackson	9	0/0	0/0	54

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	29-15	23-22
Combined Spread Record	22-22	20-25
Favorite Spread Record	17-20	11-19
Underdog Spread Record	5-2	9-6

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	at Seattle	(+1)	W	33-16
	9	Oakland	(−3½)	W	30-10
	16	Buffalo	(−9)	L	27-19
	23	at New England	(+3½)	L	31-27
	30	San Francisco	(−13½)	W	31-9
O.	7	at Denver	(−2)	L	0-7
	14	Seattle	(−7)	W	20-10
	21	at Los Angeles	(−2)	W	40-16
	25	at Oakl'd. (Mon.)	(−2½)	L	22-45
N.	4	at Kansas City	(−6½)	L	20-14
	11	at Cincinnati	(−3½)	L	26-24
	18	Pittsburgh	(+4)	W	35-7
	25	Kansas City	(−10)	W	28-7
D.	2	Atlanta	(−14)	L	26-28
	9	at New Orleans	(−5)	W	35-0
	17	Denver	(−7)	W	17-7

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	5-3
Combined Spread Record	6-2	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	5-2	2-4
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	1-1



Seemingly ageless Charlie Joiner continued to excel despite SD failures.

Feist's Factors

- **The Chargers' offense and paper thin defense have caused 57 of their last 82 games to go "over."**
- **San Diego is only 13-29 as an away favorite since 1969.**
- **S.D. is 6-2 ATS at home against NFC East teams last 16 seasons.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	Buffalo
	15		Seattle
	22	at	Cincinnati
	29		Cleveland
O.	6	at	Seattle
	13		Kansas City
	20	at	Minnesota
	28	at	L. A. Raiders (Mon.)
N.	3		Denver
	10		L.A. Raiders
	17	at	Denver
	24	at	Houston
D.	1		Buffalo
	5		Pittsburgh (Thurs.)
	15		Philadelphia
	22	at	Kansas City

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Minnesota	(−3)	W	42-13
	9	at Seattle	(−2½)	L	17-31
	16	Houston	(−10½)	W	31-14
	24	at Raiders (Mon.)	(+6)	W	30-33
	30	Detroit	(−5)	L	27-24
O.	7	at Green Bay	(−3)	W	34-28
	14	at Kansas City	(−2½)	L	13-31
	21	Raiders	(+3)	L	37-44
	29	Seattle (Mon.)	(−1)	L	0-24
N.	4	at Indianapolis	(−4½)	W	38-10
	11	Denver	(PK)	L	13-16
	18	Miami (OT)	(+7)	W	34-28
	25	at Pittsburgh	(+2)	L	24-52
D.	3	Chicago (Mon.)	(+2½)	W	20-7
	9	at Denver	(+7½)	W	13-16
	16	Kansas City	(−2)	L	21-42

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	3-5
Combined Spread Record	3-5	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	3-2
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	2-1

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	N.Y. Jets	(−3)	L	29-41
	12	at Kan. City (Mon.)	(−4)	L	17-14
	18	at Seattle	(−3)	L	31-34
	25	Cleveland (OT)	(−7)	L	24-30
O.	2	at N.Y. Giants	(+1)	W	41-34
	9	Seattle	(−3½)	W	28-21
	16	at New England	(−4)	L	21-37
	23	at Denver	(−2)	L	6-14
	31	Wash. (Mon.)	(+7)	W	24-27
N.	6	at Pittsburgh	(+5)	L	3-26
	13	Dallas	(+9)	W	24-23
	20	at St. Louis	(PK)	L	14-44
	27	Denver	(−3)	W	31-7
D.	1	Raiders (Thurs.)	(+2)	L	10-42
	11	Kansas City	(−4)	L	41-38
	18	at L.A. Raiders	(+8½)	L	14-30

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	1-7
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	0-5
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	1-2

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at Seattle	(−2)	W	34-13
	14	Oakland	(−7)	L*	30-24
	21	at Denver	(+2)	W	30-13
	28	at Kansas City	(−6)	W	24-7
O.	5	Buffalo	(−7)	L	24-26
	12	at Oakland	(−5½)	L	24-38
	19	N.Y. Giants	(−14½)	W	44-7
	26	at Dallas	(+2)	L	31-42
N.	2	at Cincinnati	(−3½)	W	31-14
	9	Denver	(−9)	L	13-20
	16	Kansas City	(−7½)	W	20-7
	20	at Miami	(−3½)	L*	27-24
	30	Philadelphia	(−3½)	L	22-21
D.	7	at Washington	(−6½)	L	17-40
	13	Seattle	(−10½)	L	21-14
	22	Pittsburgh	(−4)	W	26-17

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-5	3-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-1

1981 RESULTS

S.	7	at Cleve. (Mon.)	(+2)	W	44-14
	13	Detroit	(−7)	L	28-23
	20	at Kansas City	(−4)	W	42-31
	27	at Denver	(−3)	L	24-42
O.	4	Seattle	(−9)	W	24-10
	11	Minnesota	(−7)	L	31-33
	18	at Baltimore	(−5)	W	43-14
	25	at Chicago	(−9½)	L*	17-20
N.	1	Kansas City	(−6)	L	22-20
	8	Cincinnati	(−4)	L	17-40
	16	at Seattle (Mon.)	(−6)	L	23-44
	22	at Oakland	(+2½)	W	55-21
	29	Denver	(−4)	W	34-17
D.	6	Buffalo	(−5)	L	27-28
	13	at Tampa Bay	(−2½)	L	24-23
	21	Oak. (Mon.)	(−8½)	W	20-10

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	5-3
Combined Spread Record	3-5	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-5	2-4
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-1

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at Denver	(+1)	W	23-3
	19	at Kansas City	(−3)	L	12-19
	26	L.A. Raiders			
O.	3	at Atlanta			
	10	Seattle			
	17	Kansas City			
	24	at Seattle			
	31	Los Angeles			
N.	8	at Miami (Mon.)			
	14	New Orleans			
	22	at Raiders (Mon.)	(+1)	L	24-28
	28	Denver	(−6½)	W	30-20
D.	5	at Cleveland	(−2½)	W	30-13
	11	at San Fran (Sa.)	(+1½)	W	41-37
	20	Cinn. (Mon.)	(−3)	W	50-34
	26	Baltimore	(−13½)	W	44-26
J.	2	L.A. Raiders	(−4½)	L	34-41

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-1	3-2
Combined Spread Record	3-1	3-2
Favorite Spread Record	3-1	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	2-1

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

San Francisco didn't do anything wrong last year (unless you count that one defeat), and while you can't expect Bill Walsh's club to be 19-1 again, the 49ers certainly must rank as one of the clearest favorites for a repeat Super Bowl appearance in League history.

The 49ers, seemingly, are a team without weaknesses. The offense racked up a team-record 6,366 yards, second only to the Miami Dolphins' total of 6,936. San Francisco scored 30 or more points in 10 games on its way to a team-record 475 points.

Quarterback Joe Montana improved his all-time No. 1 quarterback rating from 89.9 to 92.6, while running back Wendell Tyler established a team record with 1,262 yards rushing. The offensive line did a remarkable job of protecting Montana and opening up holes for Tyler as Fred Quillan, Randy Cross and Keith Fahnhorst all were named to the NFC Pro Bowl squad. Dwight Clark led the team with 880 yards receiving, while fellow wideout Freddie Solomon scored a touchdown in each of the final eight regular season games, and both divisional and championship contests.

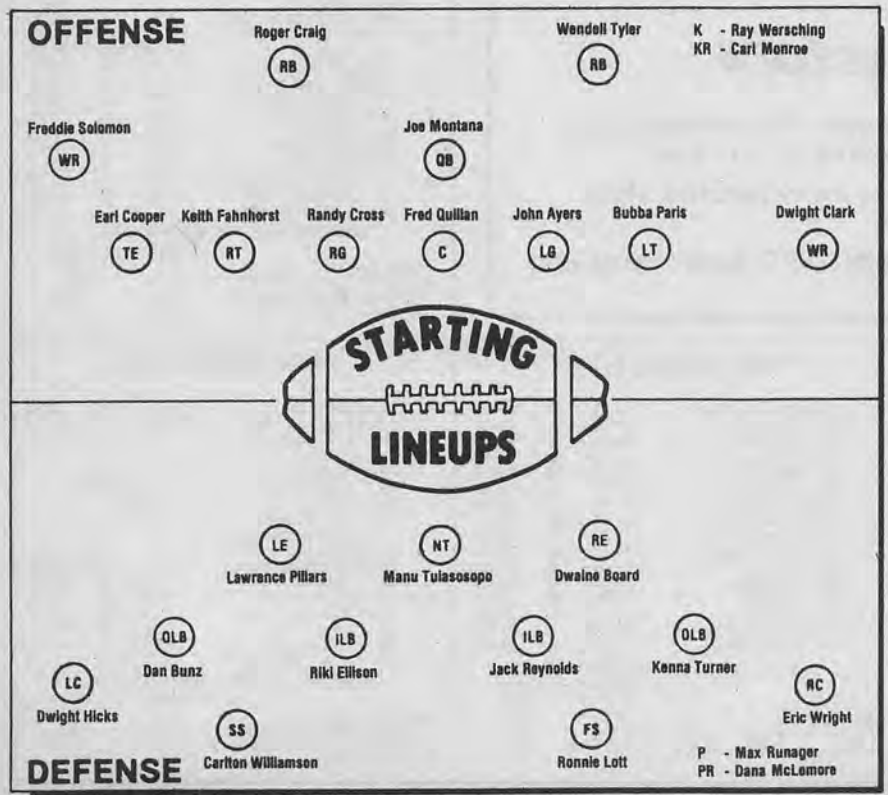
The defense is just as awesome, last year leading the NFL in fewest points scored (the true test of worth, not yardage) with just 227. The stop troops kept opponents from scoring a touchdown in four regular season games and two post-season tussles. The platoon allowed the Dolphins just one touchdown and permitted a record-low nine rushing attempts in Super Bowl XIX, which San Francisco won, 38-16.

Ronnie Lott, Carlton Williamson, Dwight Hicks and Eric Wright all played in the Pro Bowl, making San Francisco the first team ever to have all four defensive backs play in the same Pro Bowl.

The special teams also are excellent, especially the return units. Dana McLemore ranked fourth in the NFL in punt returns last year while Carl Monroe was ninth in the NFC in kickoff retrieves.

"This is the greatest football team I've had the pleasure to be associated with during my coaching career," stated Walsh. "Without a doubt, this is the best team in pro football today."

No argument here.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	49ERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	336	302
NET RUSH	2465	1795
Avg. Per Game	154.1	112.2
NET PASS	3901	3381
Att./Comp.	496/312	546/298
Had Int.	10	25
Avg. Per Game	243.8	211.3
PUNTS/AVG.	62/40.9	79/41.0
Punt Returns/Yds.	45/521	30/190
Avg. Per Return	11.6	6.3
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	47/1039	78/1498
Avg. Per Return	22.1	19.2
FUMBLES/LOST	26/12	28/13
FIELD GOALS	25/35	19/25
PATS	56/57	24/24
TOTAL POINTS	475	227

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Montana	432/279	10	3630	28
Cavanaugh	61/33	0	449	4
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Craig	71	675	9.5	3
Clark	52	880	16.9	6
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Turner	4	51	12.8	0
Lott	4	26	6.5	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Tyler	246	1262	5.1	7
Craig	155	649	4.2	7
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Runager	56	2341	41.8	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Wersching	0	56/56	25/35	131
Solomon	11	0/0	0/0	66

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

	Home	Away
Actual Record	25-20	25-19
Combined Spread Record	23-21-1	29-15
Favorite Spread Record	14-17-1	17-3
Underdog Spread Record	9-4	12-12

1979 RESULTS

S.	2 at Minnesota	(+7½)	W	22-28
	9 Dallas	(+11)	W	13-21
	16 at Los Angeles	(+13½)	W	24-27
	23 New Orleans	(−2½)	L	21-30
	30 at San Diego	(+13½)	L	9-31
O.	7 Seattle	(+4)	L	24-35
	14 at N.Y. Giants	(+5)	L	16-32
	21 Atlanta	(+4)	W	20-15
	28 Chicago	(+2)	W	27-28
N.	4 at Oakland	(+10½)	L	10-23
	11 at New Orleans	(+7½)	L	20-31
	18 Denver	(+7)	L	28-38
	25 Los Angeles	(+4)	L	20-26
D.	2 at St. Louis	(+7)	W	10-13
	9 Tampa Bay	(+3½)	W	23-7
	16 at Atlanta	(+3½)	L	21-31

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-6	0-8
Combined Spread Record	4-4	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	0-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	4-3	3-5



Dwaine Board went overboard in sacks last year, pacing the Forty Niners.

Austin's Edges

- **The 49ers are 21-13 as home underdogs vs the pointspread since 1969.**
- **San Francisco is only 13-21 as a home favorite against teams from its own division.**
- **Frisco is an impressive 30-16 against the spread when playing teams from the NFC Central Division.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	Minnesota
	15		Atlanta
	22	at	L.A. Raiders
	29		New Orleans
O.	6	at	Atlanta
	13		Chicago
	20	at	Detroit
	27	at	L.A. Rams
N.	3		Philadelphia
	11	at	Denver (Mon.)
	17		Kansas City
	25		Seattle (Mon.)
D.	1	at	Washington
	9		L.A. Rams (Mon.)
	15	at	New Orleans
	22		Dallas

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Detroit	(−2)	W	30-27
	10	Wash. (Mon.)	(−1)	W	37-31
	16	New Orleans	(−5)	W	30-20
	23	at Philadelphia	(−3½)	W	21-9
	30	Atlanta	(−5½)	W	14-5
O.	8	at Giants (Mon.)	(−4)	W	31-10
	14	Pittsburgh	(−9½)	L	17-20
	21	at Houston	(−10½)	W	34-21
	28	at L.A. Rams	(−3)	W	33-0
N.	4	Cincinnati	(−10)	L	23-17
	11	at Cleveland	(−7)	W	41-7
	18	Tampa Bay	(−12)	L	24-17
	25	at New Orleans	(−7)	W	35-3
D.	2	at Atlanta	(−13½)	W	35-17
	8	Minn. (Sat.)	(−16½)	W	51-7
	14	Rams (Fri.)	(−7)	L	19-16

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	8-0
Combined Spread Record	4-4	8-0
Favorite Spread Record	4-4	8-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-0

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Philadelphia	(−4)	L	17-22
	8	at Minn. (Thurs.)	(+3½)	W	48-17
	18	at St. Louis	(−3½)	W	42-27
	25	Atlanta	(−4)	P	24-20
O.	2	at New England	(−3)	W	33-13
	9	L.A. Rams	(−4)	L	7-10
	16	at New Orleans	(PK)	W	32-13
	23	at L.A. Rams	(−1)	W	45-35
	30	N.Y. Jets	(−6)	L	13-27
N.	6	Miami	(−2)	L	17-20
	13	New Orleans	(−4)	W	27-0
	20	at Atlanta	(−3½)	L	24-28
	27	at Chicago	(−4½)	L	3-13
D.	4	Tampa Bay	(−11)	W	35-21
	11	at Buffalo	(−2½)	W	23-10
	19	Dallas (Mon.)	(−1)	W	42-17

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	6-2
Combined Spread Record	3-4-1	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	3-4-1	5-2
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	1-0

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at New Orleans	(+5)	W	26-23
	14	St. Louis	(−3½)	L*	24-21
	21	at N.Y. Jets	(+4)	W	37-27
	28	Atlanta	(−3)	L	17-20
O.	5	at Los Angeles	(+9½)	L	26-48
	12	at Dallas	(+9)	L	14-59
	19	Los Angeles	(+10)	L	17-31
	26	Tampa Bay	(+2)	W	23-24
N.	2	at Detroit	(+9)	W	13-17
	9	at Green Bay	(+4)	L	16-23
	16	at Miami	(+8)	W	13-17
	23	N.Y. Giants	(−3)	W	12-0
	30	New England	(+7)	W	21-17
D.	7	New Orleans	(−6½)	L*	38-35
	14	at Atlanta	(+9)	L	10-35
	21	Buffalo	(+6)	W	13-18

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	2-6
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-3	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	3-1	4-4

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	at Detroit	(+5)	L	17-24
	13	Chicago	(−1)	W	28-17
	20	at Atlanta	(+8½)	L	17-34
	27	New Orleans	(−6)	W	21-14
O.	4	at Washington	(+2)	W	30-17
	11	Dallas	(+6)	W	45-14
	18	at G. Bay (Milw.)	(−1)	W	13-3
	25	Los Angeles	(PK)	W	20-17
N.	1	at Pittsburgh	(+4½)	W	17-14
	8	Atlanta	(+2½)	W	17-14
	15	Cleveland	(−3)	L	12-15
	22	at Los Angeles	(+3)	W	33-31
	29	N.Y. Giants	(−5½)	W	17-10
D.	6	at Cincinnati	(+8)	W	21-3
	13	Houston	(−7)	W	28-6
	20	at New Orleans	(−7)	L	21-17

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	6-2
Combined Spread Record	7-1	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	5-1	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	4-2

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	L.A. Raiders	(−6)	L	17-23
	19	at Denver	(+1)	L	21-24
	26	Chicago			
O.	4	at Tampa B. (Mon.)			
	10	at New Orleans			
	17	Los Angeles			
	24	at Atlanta			
	31	at Washington			
N.	7	Minnesota			
	14	Dallas			
	21	at St. Louis	(−3½)	W	31-20
	28	New Orleans	(−8)	L	20-23
D.	2	at L.A. (Thurs.)	(−3)	W	30-24
	11	San Diego (Sat.)	(−1½)	L	37-41
	19	Atlanta	(−4)	L	7-17
	26	at Kansas City	(PK)	W	26-13
J.	2	L.A. Rams	(−10)	L	20-21

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-4	3-1
Combined Spread Record	1-4	3-1
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	3-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-1

SEATTLE Seahawks

When opportunity Knox, you grab it. Chuck Knox's Seahawks were indeed opportunists last year, leading the League in interceptions and takeaway/giveaway ratio as the team ignored an injury to Curt Warner and had their best season ever. With Warner returning, and the defense now full acquainted with Knox's 3-4, it should be another banner year in Seattle.

Warner's return will help solve a running back problem that saw eight different players start last year. In 1983, Warner led the AFC in rushing with 1,449 yards. Last season, David Hughes led the team with just 327 yards.

Buf if the running game was virtually put on hold, the passing attack flourished. Dave Kreig threw more touchdown passes than anyone except Dan Marino and earned second-team All-AFC honors in the process. Paul Johns' injury allowed rookie Daryl Turner to see some action and he responded with terrific stats. Steve Largent extended his consecutive game streak to 107 straight contests having caught a pass.

The defense, meanwhile, emerged as the NFL's most resourceful, intercepting 38 passes, recovering 25 fumbles and scoring eight touchdowns on its own. The stop troops also set up nine TDs and 11 field goals with their thefts.

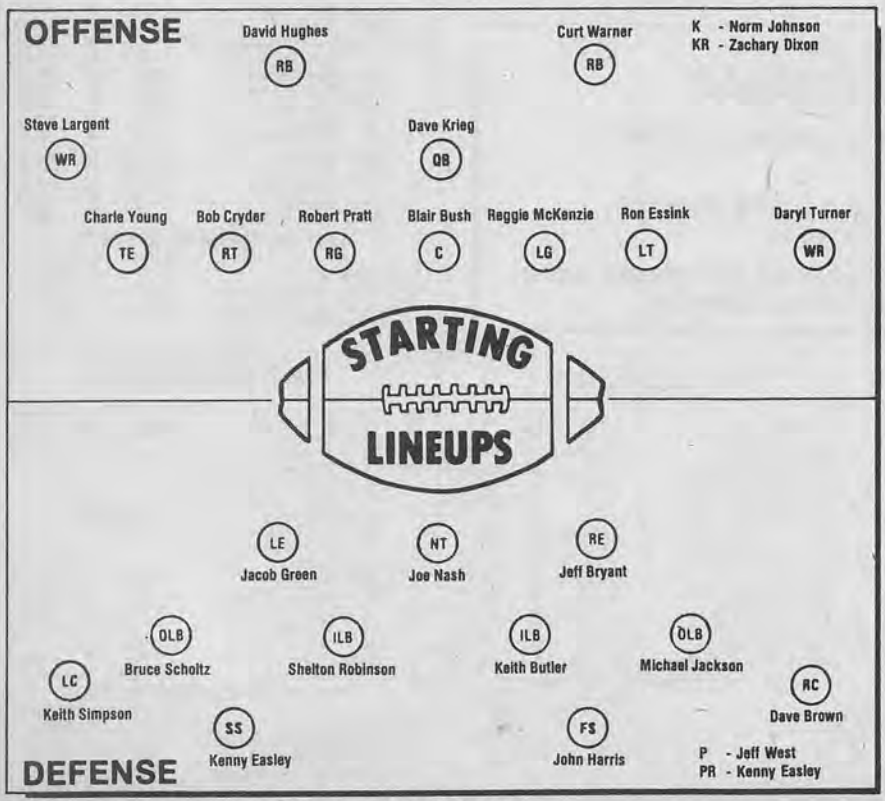
"Defensively we should be improved," predicted Knox, "because of the experience that our players have gained with the 3-4 system."

For the second straight year, Seattle established a new team record for sacks. In '83 the record went from 37 to 43. Last year it climbed to 55 as Joe Nash, Jeff Bryant and Jacob Green accounted for 34½ of those. Most importantly, the Seahawks improved from 26th to fifth in points allowed and were third in the League in point differential behind only Super Bowl participants San Francisco and Miami.

The linebacking is steady, if unspectacular, concentrating on stopping the run, while the secondary, led by Defensive Player-of-the-Year Ken Easley, specializes in making the big play. Easley led the League in interceptions while cornerback Dave Brown made it to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his 10-year career.

Norm Johnson is All-Pro at placekicker and Jeff West is a solid punter.

Seattle should be among the NFL elite this year.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	SEAHAWKS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	287	288
NET RUSH	1645	1789
Avg. Per Game	102.8	111.8
NET PASS	3423	3174
Att./Comp.	497/283	521/265
Had Int.	26	38
Avg. Per Game	213.9	198.4
PUNTS/AVG.	95/37.5	83/40.3
Punt Returns/Yds.	44/484	32/205
Avg. Per Return	11.0	6.4
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	54/1007	67/1116
Avg. Per Return	18.6	16.7
FUMBLES/LOST	24/13	47/25
FIELD GOALS	20/24	14/22
PATS	50/51	34/34
TOTAL POINTS	418	282

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Kreig	480/276	24	3671	32
Zorn	17/7	2	80	0
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Largent	74	1164	15.7	12
Turner	35	715	20.4	10
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Easley	10	126	12.6	2
Brown	8	179	22.3	2
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Hughes	94	327	3.5	1
Lane	80	299	3.7	4
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
West	95	3567	37.5	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Johnson	0	50/51	20/24	110
Largent	12	0/0	0/0	72

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

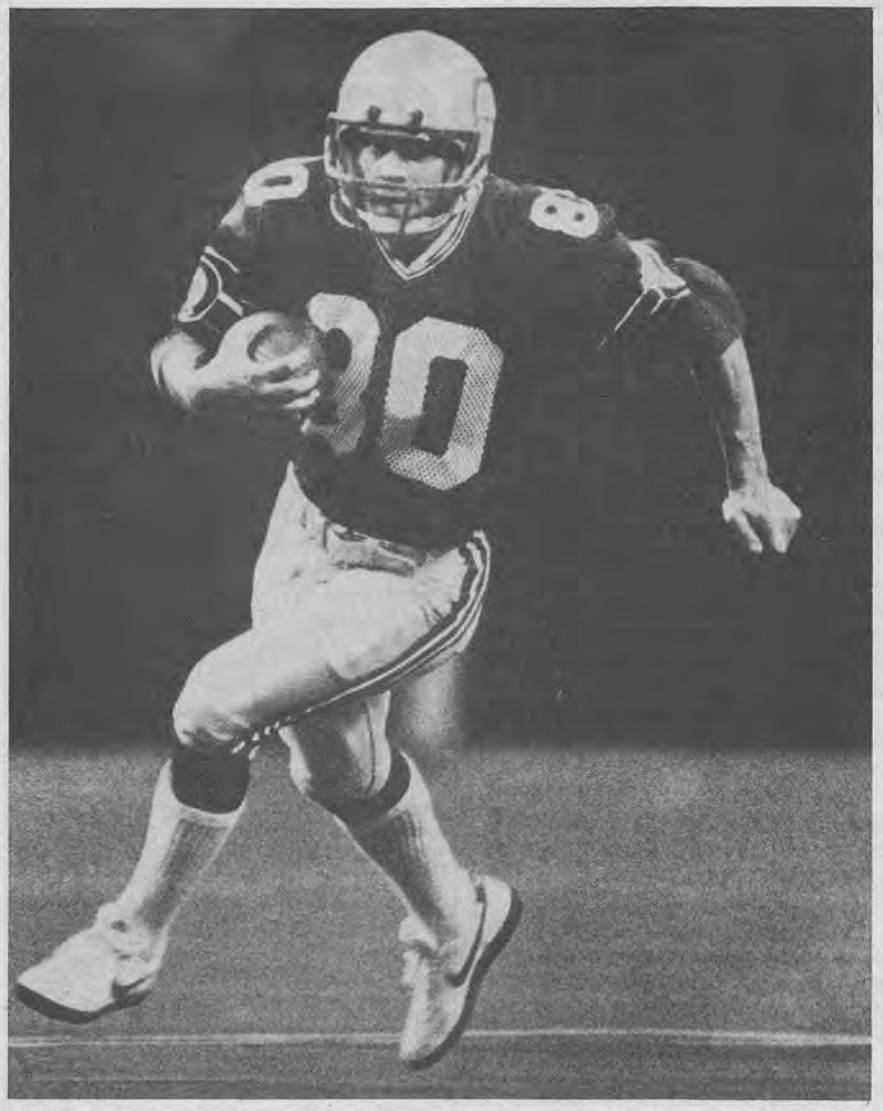
	Home	Away
Actual Record	25-20	19-25
Combined Spread Record	22-23	22-22
Favorite Spread Record	12-18	5-3
Underdog Spread Record	10-5	17-19

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	San Diego	(−1)	L	16-33
	9	at Miami	(+7)	L	10-19
	16	Oakland	(−3)	W	27-10
	23	at Denve	(+5)	W	34-37
	30	Kansas City	(−6½)	L	6-24
O.	7	at San Francisco	(−4)	W	35-24
	14	at San Diego	(+7)	L	10-20
	21	Houston	(+2½)	W	34-14
	29	at Atlanta	(+1)	W	31-28
N.	4	Los Angeles	(−3½)	L	0-24
	11	at Cleveland	(+6½)	W	29-24
	18	New Orleans	(−3)	W	38-24
	26	N.Y. Jets	(−6½)	W	30-7
D.	2	at Kansas City	(−2½)	L	21-37
	8	Denver	(+3)	W	28-33
	16	at Oakland	(+9)	W	29-24

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	5-3	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	3-3	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	4-2



Wide receiver Steve Largent plays a large role in Seattle's success.

Feist's Factors

- **Seattle is 11-4 getting from one to three points on the road.**
- **The Seahawks are 6-3 as home favorite vs teams from NFC.**
- **Dogs hold an impressive 39-26 pointspread edge in all games played in the Kingdome.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	Cincinnati
	15	at	San Diego
	23		L.A. Rams (Mon.)
	29	at	Kansas City
O.	6		San Diego
	13		Atlanta
	20	at	Denver
	27	at	N.Y. Jets
N.	3		L.A. Raiders
	10	at	New Orleans
	17		New England
	25	at	San Fran. (Mon.)
D.	1		Kansas City
	8		Cleveland
	15	at	L.A. Raiders
	20		Denver (Fri.)

1984 RESULTS

S.	3	Cleveland (Mon.)	(−4½)	W	33-0
	9	San Diego	(+2½)	W	31-17
	16 at	New England	(+2½)	L	23-38
	23	Chicago	(−3½)	W	38-9
	30 at	Minnesota	(−2½)	W	20-12
O.	7 at	L.A. Raiders	(+5)	L	14-28
	14	Buffalo	(−10½)	L	31-28
	21	Gre. Bay (Mil.)	(−1)	W	30-24
	29 at	San Diego (Mon.)	(+1)	W	24-0
N.	4	Kansas City	(−5½)	W	45-0
	12	Raiders (Mon.)	(−3)	L	17-14
	18 at	Cincinnati	(−4)	W	26-6
	25 at	Denver	(+2)	W	27-24
D.	2	Detroit	(−11)	W	38-17
	9 at	Kansas City	(−4½)	L	7-34
	15	Denver (Sat.)	(−4)	L	14-31

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	5-3
Combined Spread Record	5-3	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	4-3	3-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	2-2

1983 RESULTS

S.	4 at	Kansas City	(+1½)	L	13-17
	11 at	N.Y. Jets	(+8)	W	17-10
	18	San Diego	(+3)	W	34-31
	25	Washington	(+2)	L	17-27
O.	2 at	Cleveland	(+3)	W	24-9
	9 at	San Diego	(+3½)	L	21-28
	16	L.A. Raiders	(+3)	W	38-36
	23	Pittsburgh	(−1)	L	21-27
	30 at	L.A. Raiders	(+7)	W	34-21
N.	6	Denver	(−3½)	W	27-19
	13 at	St. Louis	(−3)	L	28-33
	20 at	Denver	(+1½)	L	27-38
	27	Kan. City (OT)	(−3½)	L	51-48
D.	4	Dallas	(+6)	L	10-35
	11 at	N.Y. Giants	(−3)	W	17-12
	18	New England	(−3)	W	24-6

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	4-4
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	2-2	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-2	3-3

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	San Diego	(+2)	L	13-34
	14 at	Kansas City	(+2)	W	17-16
	21	New England	(−2)	L	31-37
	28 at	Washington	(+4)	W	14-0
O.	5 at	Houston	(+7)	W	26-7
	12	Cleveland	(−4)	L	3-27
	19 at	N.Y. Jets	(+3)	W	27-17
	26 at	Oakland	(+5)	L	14-33
N.	2	Philadelphia	(+2)	L	20-27
	9	Kansas City	(−3)	L	30-31
	17	Oakland	(+2½)	W	17-19
	23 at	Denver	(+4½)	L	20-36
	27 at	Dallas	(+9)	L	7-51
D.	7	N.Y. Giants	(−8)	L	21-27
	13 at	San Diego	(+10½)	W	14-21
	21	Denver	(−3)	L	17-25

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	0-8	4-4
Combined Spread Record	1-7	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	0-5	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-2	5-3

1981 RESULTS

S.	6 at	Cincinnati	(+5)	L	21-27
	13	Denver	(PK)	W	13-10
	20 at	Oakland	(+7)	L	10-20
	27	Kansas City	(−1½)	L	14-20
O.	4 at	San Diego	(+9½)	L	10-24
	11 at	Houston	(+6½)	L	17-35
	18	N.Y. Giants	(−1½)	L	0-32
	25 at	N.Y. Jets	(+9)	W	19-3
N.	1 at	Green Bay	(+4)	L	24-34
	8	Pittsburgh	(+5)	W	24-21
	16	S. Die. (Mon.)	(+6)	W	44-23
	22 at	Kansas City	(+7½)	L	13-40
	29	Oakland	(PK)	L	31-32
D.	6	N.Y. Jets	(+9)	W	27-23
	13 at	Denver	(+9½)	L	13-23
	20	Cleveland	(−2)	W	42-21

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	1-7
Combined Spread Record	5-3	1-7
Favorite Spread Record	2-3	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	3-0	1-7

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	Cleveland	(+3)	L	7-21
	19 at	Houston	(+3)	W	21-23
	26 at	New England			
O.	3	Kansas City			
	10 at	San Diego			
	17	L.A. Raiders			
	24	San Diego	STRIKE		
	31 at	Kansas City			
N.	7	Denver			
	14 at	St. Louis			
	21 at	Denver	(+7½)	W	17-10
	28	Pittsburgh	(+6½)	W	16-0
D.	5 at	L.A. Raiders	(+6½)	W	23-28
	12	Chicago	(−3½)	W	20-14
	19	New England	(−4)	L	0-16
	26 at	Cincinnati	(+10)	L	10-24
J.	2	Denver	(−3)	L	13-11

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-2	1-3
Combined Spread Record	2-3	2-2
Favorite Spread Record	1-2	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	2-2

TAMPA BAY Buccaneers

Leeman Bennett, who coached the Falcons, inherits a Buc team that was only 6-10 last year, but, nevertheless, has an outside chance in the NFC Central race.

"This is a better team than the one I took over in Atlanta in 1977," said Bennett, who replaces the retired John McKay (now president). "There is the nucleus of a good team here, but like any team in the League, there are some holes to fill. How well we are able to plug those holes will tell how well we do."

Most of the plugging will take place on defense where the Bucs struggled with injuries and inconsistencies. The injuries were suffered by both outside linebackers, Hugh Green and Cecil Johnson, the former via an automobile accident. The inconsistency was up front, where the line failed to generate a significant pass rush, and in the secondary, where coverage was often spotty.

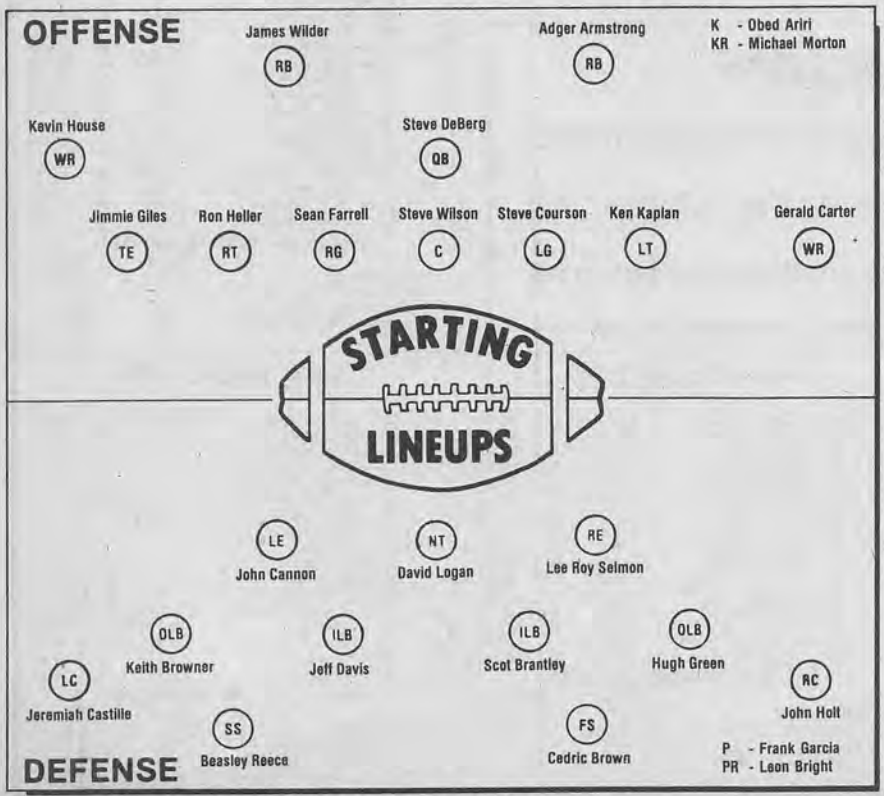
The Bucs also have some strong points, not the least of which is the overall play of running back James Wilder. Wilder led the team in both rushing and receiving last year as Tampa Bay surged from 28th in the offensive production in 1983 to 10th in the League last season. An improved passing game also helped as Steve DeBerg completed over 60 percent of his passes and wideouts Kevin House and Gerald Carter both earned NFC Pro Bowl alternate recognition. Wilder (85 receptions), House (76) and Carter (60) all broke the old Buc reception mark for a season.

There was improvement on the offensive line as well, as a pair of Penn State products, guard Sean Farrell and tackle Ron Heller solidified the right side of Tampa Bay's front wall. Bennett has some work to do on the other side, but may have the folks to fill those gaps.

After literally kicking around the League for a few years, Obed Ariri and Frank Garcia may have found homes in Tampa Bay. Ariri set new team marks for field goals made and points scored while Garcia set a new Buc record for net punting average with a 34.7-yard mark.

"I expect us to be able to compete for the championship of our division this year," said Bennett, "a division that I regard as strong and balanced."

With a little luck, Bennett's prediction might come true.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	BUCCANEERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	344	311
NET RUSH	1776	2233
Avg. Per Game	111.0	139.6
NET PASS	3545	3241
Att./Comp.	563/334	488/286
Had Int.	23	18
Avg. Per Game	221.6	202.6
PUNTS/AVG.	68/41.9	68/41.0
Punt Returns/Yds.	34/207	36/310
Avg. Per Return	6.1	8.6
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	68/1351	67/1336
Avg. Per Return	19.9	19.9
FUMBLES/LOST	36/21	30/17
FIELD GOALS	19/26	18/26
PATS	38/40	44/46
TOTAL POINTS	335	380

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
DeBerg	509/308	18	3554	19
Thompson	52/25	5	337	2
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Wilder	85	685	8.1	0
House	76	1005	13.2	5
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Cotney	5	123	24.6	0
Brantley	3	55	18.3	0
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Wilder	407	1544	3.8	13
DeBerg	28	59	2.1	2
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Garcia	68	2849	41.9	0
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Ariri	0	38/40	19/26	95
Wilder	13	0/0	0/0	78

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

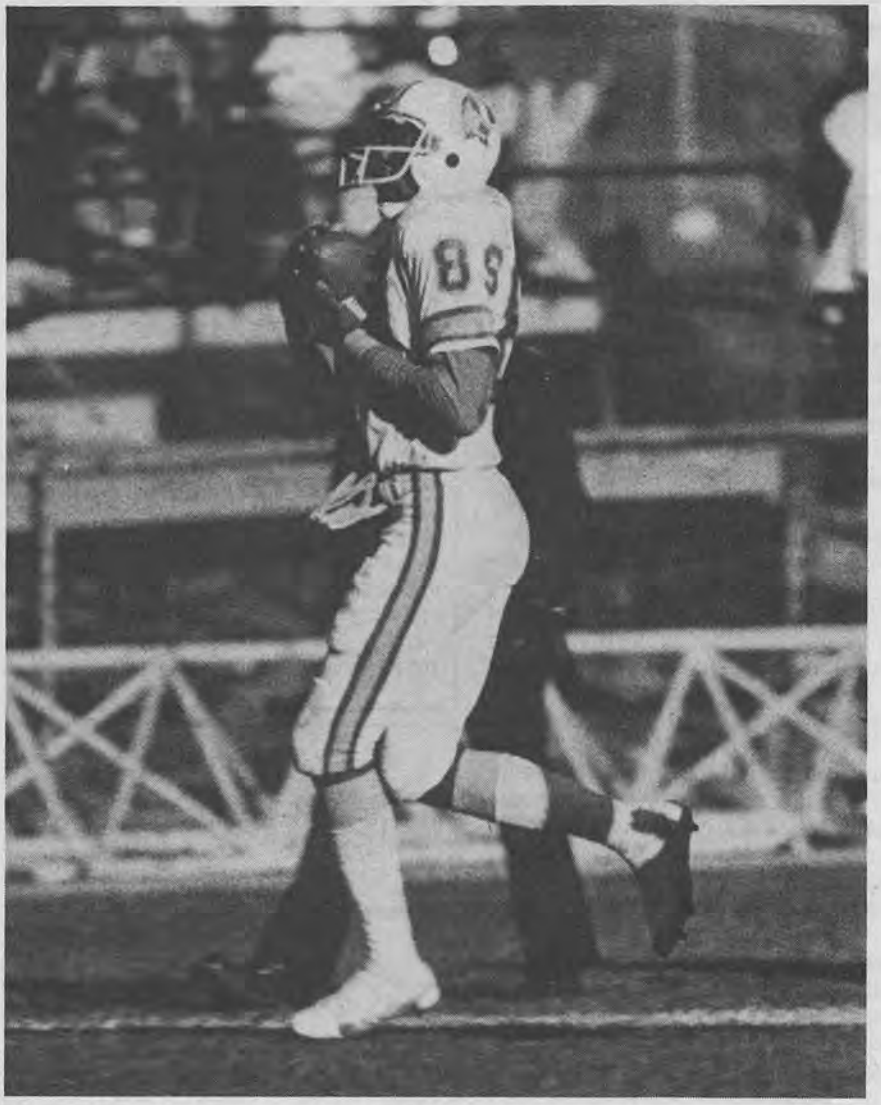
	Home	Away
Actual Record	24-20-1	13-31
Combined Spread Record	22-21-2	21-23
Favorite Spread Record	13-19-1	1-4
Underdog Spread Record	9-2-1	20-19

1979 RESULTS

S.	1	Detroit	(−4)	W	31-16
	9	at Baltimore	(+1½)	W*	29-26
	16	at Green Bay	(+2)	W	21-10
	23	Los Angeles	(+3)	W	21-6
	30	at Chicago	(+1½)	W	17-13
O.	7	at N.Y. Giants	(−4½)	L	14-17
	14	New Orleans	(−6½)	L	14-42
	21	Green Bay	(−6)	W	21-3
	28	at Minnesota	(+1½)	W	12-10
N.	4	at Atlanta	(+1)	L	14-17
	11	at Detroit	(−3½)	L	16-14
	18	Giants	(−3½)	W	31-3
	25	Minnesota	(−7)	L	22-23
D.	2	Chicago	(−3½)	L	0-14
	9	at San Francisco	(−3½)	L	7-23
	15	Kansas City	(−4)	L	3-0

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	5-3
Combined Spread Record	4-4	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-4	0-3
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	4-1



Kevin House has found a home in Tampa Bay last year catching 76 balls.

Austin's Edges

- **The Bucs are a remarkable 11-1 the week after playing the Packers.**
- **Tampa Bay is 16-26 overall as a favorite since joining the League in 1976.**
- **Tampa is 6-2 as an away underdog vs the NFC East.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	8	at	Chicago
	15		Minnesota
	22	at	New Orleans
	29	at	Detroit
O.	6		Chicago
	13		L.A. Rams
	20	at	Miami
	27		New England
N.	3	at	N.Y. Giants
	10		St. Louis
	17	at	N.Y. Jets
	24		Detroit
D.	1	at	Green Bay
	8	at	Minnesota
	15		Indianapolis
	22		Green Bay

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	at Chicago	(+6)	L	14-34
	9	at New Orleans	(+7)	W	13-17
	16	Detroit	(+3)	W	21-17
	23	at N.Y. Giants	(+5½)	W	14-17
	30	Green Bay	(−3)	P	30-27
O.	7	Minnesota	(−3)	W	35-31
	14	at Detroit (OT)	(+3½)	L	7-13
	21	Chicago	(−1)	L	9-44
	28	at Kansas City	(+6)	W	20-24
N.	4	at Minnesota	(+2)	L	24-27
	11	N.Y. Giants	(+3)	W	20-17
	18	at San Francisco	(+12)	W	17-24
	25	L.A. Rams	(+3)	W	33-34
D.	2	at Green Bay	(+6)	L	14-27
	9	Atlanta	(−7½)	W	23-6
	16	N.Y. Jets	(−5)	W	41-21

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	0-8
Combined Spread Record	6-1-1	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-1-1	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	3-0	4-4

1983 RESULTS

S.	4	Detroit	(−3)	L	0-11
	11	at Chicago	(+3)	L	10-17
	18	Minnesota	(+1½)	L	16-19
	25	Cincinnati	(−1½)	L	17-23
O.	2	at Green Bay	(+6)	L	14-55
	9	at Dallas (OT)	(+14)	W	24-27
	16	St. Louis	(−3)	L	27-34
	23	New Orleans	(+3)	P	21-24
	30	at Pittsburgh	(+10½)	W	12-17
N.	6	at Minnesota	(+7)	W	17-12
	13	at Cleveland	(+4)	L	0-20
	20	Chicago	(−1)	L	0-27
	27	Houston	(−2)	W	33-24
D.	4	at San Francisco	(+11)	L	21-35
	12	Green Bay (Mon.)	(+5)	W	9-12
	18	at Detroit	(+9½)	W	20-23

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	1-7	1-7
Combined Spread Record	2-5-1	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	1-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-1-1	4-4

1980 RESULTS

S.	7	at Cincinnati	(+1)	W	17-12
	11	Los Angeles	(−3)	L	10-9
	21	at Dallas	(+7)	L	17-28
	28	Cleveland	(−3)	L	27-34
O.	6	at Chicago	(+1)	L	0-23
	12	Green Bay	(−6½)	L*	14-14
	19	at Houston	(+9)	W	14-20
	26	at San Francisco	(−2)	L	24-23
N.	2	N.Y. Giants	(−6½)	W	30-13
	9	Pittsburgh	(+6½)	W	21-24
	16	at Minnesota	(+4)	L	30-38
	23	Detroit	(−3½)	L	10-24
	30	at Green Bay	(+4½)	W	20-17
D.	7	Minnesota	(−2½)	L	10-21
	14	at Detroit	(+6½)	L	14-27
	20	Chicago	(PK)	L	13-14

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	2-5-1	3-5
Combined Spread Record	2-6	3-5
Favorite Spread Record	1-5	0-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	3-4

1981 RESULTS

S.	5	Minnesota	(−2)	W	21-13
	13	at Kansas City	(+3½)	L	10-19
	20	at Chicago	(+3½)	L	17-28
	27	St. Louis	(−1)	W	20-10
O.	4	Detroit	(−1)	W	28-10
	11	at Green Bay	(+3½)	W	21-10
	18	at Oakland	(+4½)	W	16-18
	25	at Philadelphia	(+4)	L	10-20
N.	1	Chicago	(+6)	W	20-10
	8	at Minnesota	(+4)	L	10-25
	15	Denver	(+1½)	L	7-24
	22	Green Bay	(−3)	W	37-3
	29	at New Orleans	(−1)	W	31-14
D.	6	Atlanta	(+2)	W	24-23
	13	San Diego	(+2½)	W	23-24
	20	at Detroit	(+5½)	W	20-17

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	3-5
Combined Spread Record	7-1	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	5-0	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	3-4

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at Minnesota	(+2½)	L	10-17
	19	Washington	(−3½)	L	13-21
	26	at Detroit			
O.	4	San Francisco			
	10	Minnesota			
	17	at Green Bay			
	24	at Chicago			
	31	at Baltimore			
N.	7	Green Bay			
	14	Chicago			
	21	at Dallas	(+7½)	W	9-14
	29	Miami (Mon.)	(+3)	W	23-17
D.	5	at New Orleans	(+2½)	W	13-10
	12	at N.Y. Jets	(+4½)	L	17-32
	19	Buffalo	(−1)	L	24-23
	26	Detroit	(−3½)	L	23-21
J.	2	Chicago	(−4½)	L	26-23

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1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-1	1-3
Combined Spread Record	1-4	2-2
Favorite Spread Record	0-4	0-0
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	2-2

WASHINGTON Redskins

The Redskins came within a touchdown of another NFC Championship game and possible third straight trip to the Super Bowl last year and Head Coach Joe Gibbs is determined to make up the difference this season.

"I think that's our challenge as a coaching staff and a team," said Gibbs, whose .723 win percentage places him first among active NFL coaches, "to make up that one touchdown and try to get back to the Super Bowl again."

One thing the Skins will have to do is remain healthy. Last year, 30 players wound up on injured reserve, including four Pro Bowlers.

Gibbs got some insurance for the 36-year old body of John Riggins when he acquired George Rogers from the Saints this past April. Rogers should share time with Riggins in the one-back alignment which helped the Skins finish fourth in the NFL in rushing and second in time of possession last year. With Charlie Brown joining Art Monk and Calvin Muhammad on the receiving crew and Hogs Jeff Bostic and George Starke recoverd from knee surgery, the Washington attack should be operating on all cylinders again this fall. Joe Theismann, with many of the off-field woes that distracted him last year now behind him, will be the quarterback.

Washington's defense ranked only 18th overall last year but as second against the run, permitting less than 100 yards per contest. And, with Todd Liebenstein returning from an injury, the front forces should be even more stingy.

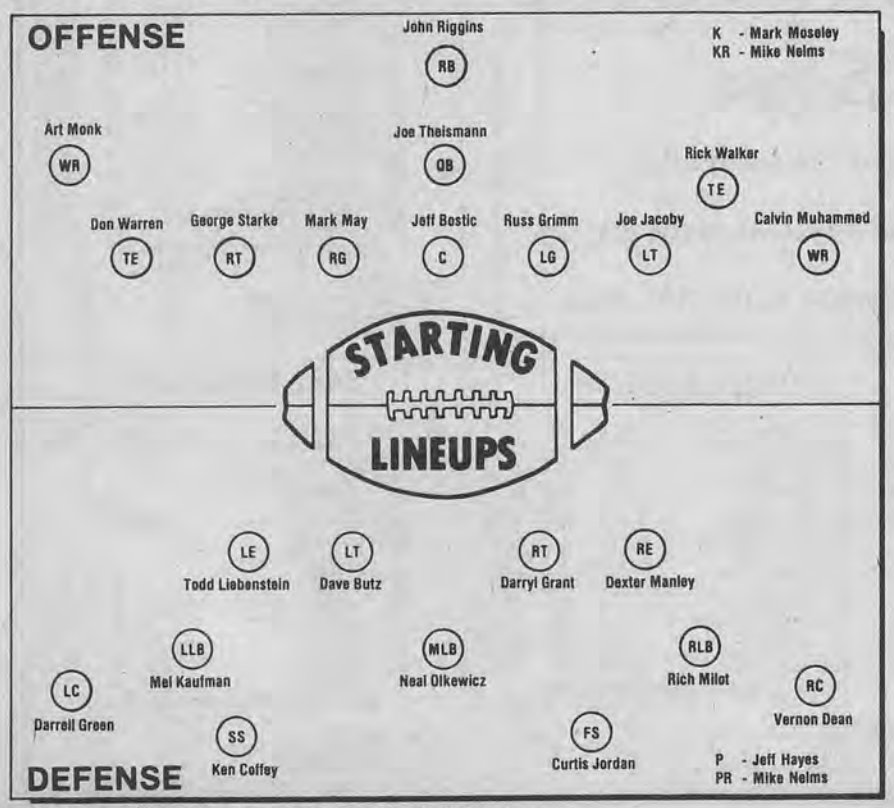
There's fantastic depth at linebacker with Mel Kaufman, Neal Olkewicz, Rich Milot, Monte Coleman, Larry Kubin and Pete Cronan.

The secondary boasts a pair of brilliant cornerbacks Vernon Dean and Darrell Green, and if Tony Peters is recovered from his physical woes, pass coverage could be outstanding.

Mark Moseley and Jeff Hayes have been the Redskins' kicking team for four years and are solid and dependable. Mike Nelms is a fearless returner of kicks and the punt coverage platoon ranked second in the Conference last year.

"The Division is so hotly contested it's really a tossup," analyzed Gibbs about the NFC East. "Every team just keeps getting better. We're going to have to find a way to get one touchdown better."

Odds are he finds it.



1984 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	REDSKINS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	339	307
NET RUSH	2274	1589
Avg. Per Game	142.1	99.3
NET PASS	3076	3772
Att./Comp.	485/286	575/318
Had Int.	13	21
Avg. Per Game	192.3	235.8
PUNTS/AVG.	73/38.8	78/39.9
Punt Returns/Yds.	55/474	38/187
Avg. Per Return	8.6	4.9
KICKOFF RET./YDS.	60/1174	73/1404
Avg. Per Return	19.6	19.2
FUMBLES/LOST	33/15	31/22
FIELD GOALS	24/31	13/20
PATS	48/51	37/39
TOTAL POINTS	426	310

1984 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT.	YDS.	TD
Theismann	477/283	13	3391	24
Hart	7/3	0	26	0
REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Monk	106	1372	12.9	7
Muhammad	42	729	17.4	4
INT.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Dean	7	114	16.3	2
Green	5	100	20.0	1
RUSH	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
Riggins	327	1239	3.8	14
Griffin	97	408	4.2	0
PUNT	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	BLK
Hayes	72	2834	39.4	1
SCORE	TD	PAT	FG	PTS.
Moseley	0	48/51	24/31	120
Riggins	14	0/0	0/0	84

SIX-YEAR POINTSPREAD REVIEW

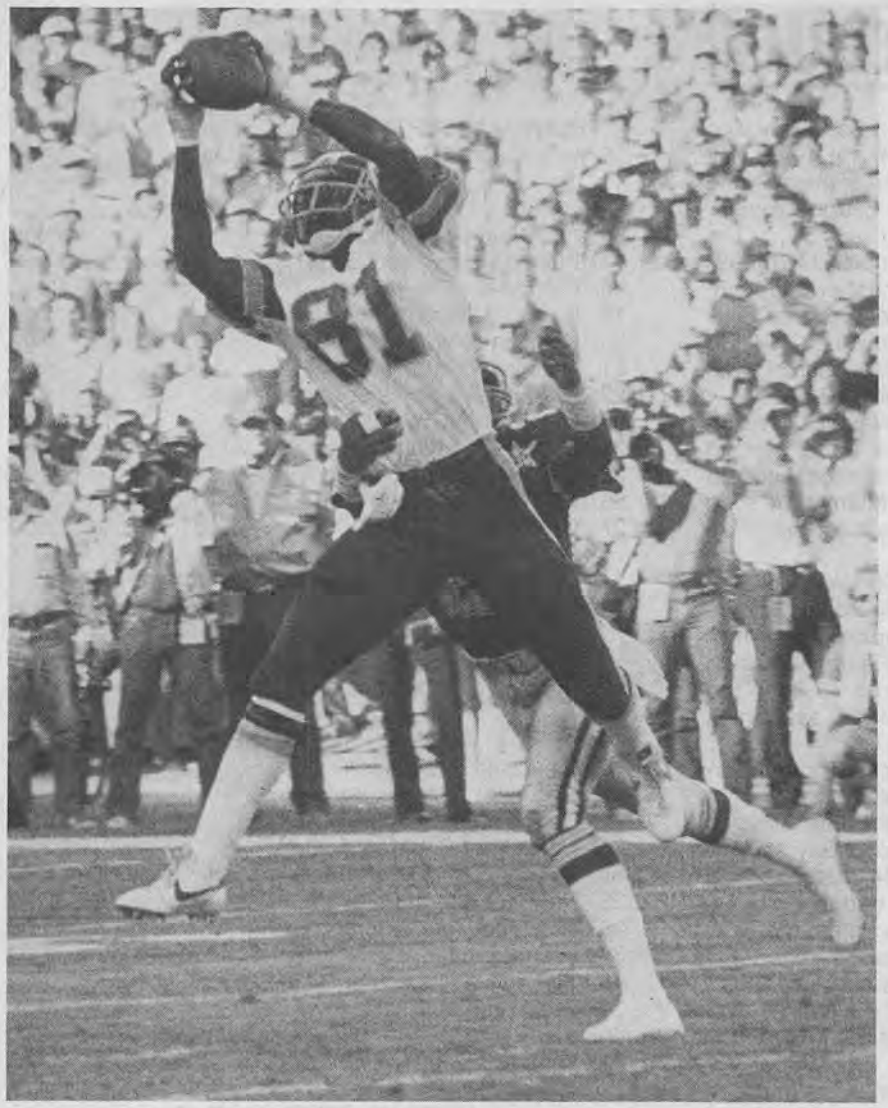
	Home	Away
Actual Record	32-12	25-20
Combined Spread Record	26-17-1	28-16
Favorite Spread Record	20-14-1	14-7
Underdog Spread Record	6-3	14-9

1979 RESULTS

S.	2	Houston	(+4)	W	27-29
	9	at Detroit	(−1)	W	27-24
	17	N.Y. Giants	(−6)	W	27-0
	23	at St. Louis	(+4½)	W	17-7
	30	at Atlanta	(+3)	W	16-7
O.	7	at Philadelphia	(+3½)	L	17-28
	14	at Cleveland	(+3)	W	13-9
	21	Philadelphia	(−3½)	W	17-7
	28	New Orleans	(−5)	L	10-14
N.	4	at Pittsburgh	(+10½)	L	7-38
	11	St. Louis	(−3)	L	30-28
	18	Dallas	(+3½)	W	34-20
	25	at N.Y. Giants	(−1½)	L	6-14
D.	2	Green Bay	(−9)	W	38-21
	9	Cincinnati	(−6)	W	28-14
	16	at Dallas	(+9)	W	34-35

1979 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	6-2	4-4
Combined Spread Record	6-2	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	4-2	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	2-0	4-2



Art Monk's 106 receptions last year were an all-time record in the NFL.

Feist's Factors

- **Washington is 18-9 vs the spread as a home dog since 1969.**
- **The Redskins are 7-2 as an away underdog vs the NFC West teams since'69.**
- **The Skins are 29-19 as home favorite vs their division rivals.**

DATA

1985 SCHEDULE

S.	9	at	Dallas (Mon.)
	15		Houston
	22		Philadelphia
	29	at	Chicago
O.	7		St. Louis (Mon.)
	13		Detroit
	20	at	N.Y. Giants
	27	at	Cleveland
N.	3	at	Atlanta
	10		Dallas
	18		N.Y. Giants (Mon.)
	24	at	Pittsburgh
D.	1		San Francisco
	8	at	Philadelphia
	15		Cincinnati
	21	at	St. Louis (Sat.)

1984 RESULTS

S.	2	Miami	(−4)	L	17-35
	10	at San Fran (Mon)	(+1)	L	31-37
	16	N.Y. Giants	(−6½)	W	30-14
	23	at New England	(−2)	W	26-10
	30	Philadelphia	(−10)	W	20-0
O.	7	at Indianapolis	(−8)	W	35-7
	14	Dallas	(−5½)	W	34-14
	21	at St. Louis	(−3½)	L	24-26
	28	at N.Y. Giants	(−7)	L	13-37
N.	5	Atlanta (Mon.)	(−11½)	W	27-14
	11	Detroit	(−10)	W	28-14
	18	at Philadelphia	(−6)	L	10-16
	25	Buffalo	(−13½)	W	41-14
	29	at Minnesota	(−11)	W	31-17
D.	9	at Dallas	(−1)	W	30-28
	16	St. Louis	(−6½)	L	29-27

1984 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	4-4
Combined Spread Record	6-2	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	6-2	4-3
Underdog Spread Record	0-0	0-1

1983 RESULTS

S.	5	Dallas (Mon.)	(+3½)	W	30-31
	11	at Philadelphia	(PK)	W	23-13
	18	Kansas City	(−7)	W	27-12
	25	at Seattle	(−2)	W	27-17
O.	2	L.A. Raiders	(−2)	P	37-35
	9	at St. Louis	(−7)	W	38-14
	17	at G. Bay (Mon.)	(−4½)	L	47-48
	23	Detroit	(−7)	W	38-17
	31	at San Diego (Mon.)	(−7)	L	27-24
N.	6	St. Louis	(−10)	W	45-7
	13	at N.Y. Giants	(−8½)	W	33-17
	20	at L.A. Rams	(−3)	W	42-20
	27	Philadelphia	(−15)	L	28-24
D.	4	Atlanta	(−9½)	W	37-21
	11	at Dallas	(+3)	W	31-10
	17	N.Y.G. (Sat.)	(−15)	L	31-22

1983 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	7-1	7-1
Combined Spread Record	5-2-1	6-2
Favorite Spread Record	4-2-1	5-2
Underdog Spread Record	1-0	1-0

1980 RESULTS

S.	8	Dallas	(−3)	L	3-17
	14	at N.Y. Giants	(−2½)	L	23-21
	21	at Oakland	(+4)	W	21-24
	28	Seattle	(−4)	L	0-14
O.	5	at Philadelphia	(+7)	L	14-24
	13	at Denver	(+6)	W	17-20
	19	St. Louis	(−4)	W	23-0
	26	New Orleans	(−10)	L	22-14
N.	2	Minnesota	(−9)	L	14-39
	9	at Chicago	(+3½)	L	21-35
	16	Philadelphia	(+5½)	L	0-24
	23	at Dallas	(+12)	W	10-14
	30	at Atlanta	(+10)	W	6-10
D.	7	San Diego	(+6½)	W	40-17
	13	N.Y. Giants	(−6½)	L	16-13
	21	at St. Louis	(PK)	W	31-7

1980 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	4-4	2-6
Combined Spread Record	2-6	5-3
Favorite Spread Record	1-5	1-1
Underdog Spread Record	1-1	4-2

1981 RESULTS

S.	6	Dallas	(+2)	L	10-26
	13	N.Y. Giants	(−6½)	L	7-17
	20	at St. Louis	(+3½)	L	30-40
	27	at Philadelphia	(+9)	L	13-36
O.	4	San Francisco	(−2½)	L	17-30
	11	at Chicago	(+3½)	W	24-7
	18	at Miami	(+7)	W	10-13
	25	New England	(+3)	W	24-22
N.	1	St. Louis	(−3½)	W	42-21
	8	Detroit	(−2½)	L	33-31
	15	at N.Y. Giants	(+1½)	W*	30-27
	22	at Dallas	(+7)	L	10-24
	29	at Buffalo	(+5)	L	14-21
D.	6	Philadelphia	(+4)	W	15-13
	13	Baltimore	(−13½)	W	38-14
	20	at Los Angeles	(−1)	W	30-7

1981 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	5-3	3-5
Combined Spread Record	5-3	4-4
Favorite Spread Record	3-2	1-0
Underdog Spread Record	2-1	3-4

1982 RESULTS

S.	12	at Philadelphia	(+6½)	W	37-34
	19	at Tampa Bay	(+3½)	W	21-13
	26	St. Louis			
O.	3	Cleveland			
	10	at Dallas			
	17	Pittsburgh			
	24	at Houston			
	31	San Francisco			
N.	7	at Cincinnati			
	14	Minnesota			
	21	at N.Y. Giants	(PK)	W	27-17
	28	Philadelphia	(−2½)	W	13-9
D.	5	Dallas	(+2½)	L	10-24
	12	at St. Louis	(−1)	W	12-7
	19	N.Y. Giants	(−4)	L	15-14
	26	at New Orleans	(NL)		27-10
J.	2	St. Louis	(−5)	W	28-0

STRIKE

1982 POINTSPREAD RECORD

	Home	Away
Actual Record	3-1	5-0
Combined Spread Record	2-2	4-0
Favorite Spread Record	2-1	2-0
Underdog Spread Record	0-1	2-0

NFL 1985 SCHEDULE

Super Bowl XIX and NFC Champion San Francisco begins defense of its 1984 NFL title when the 49ers visit Minnesota on Sunday, September 8 as part of the opening weekend of the 1985 National Football League regular season.

San Francisco defeated AFC Champion Miami 38-16 in Super Bowl XIX last January 20 at Stanford Stadium. The victory was the second in two Super Bowl appearances for the 49ers, who also defeated Cicninnati 26-21 in Super Bowl XVI. San Francisco's Super Bowl triumph was the seventh for the NFC; the AFC has won 12.

San Francisco captured the NFC Western Division title with a 15-1 record, suffering only a 20-17 loss to Pittsburgh. It was the second best regular season record in NFL history to Super Bowl VII Champion Miami's 14-10 in 1972. The 15 victories by the 49ers are the most ever in an NFL regular season.

The 49ers advanced to Super Bowl XIX with victories over the New York Giants 21-10 in the Divisional Playoffs and over Chicago 230 in the NFC Championship Game.

Miami, which won the 1984 AFC Eastern Division with a 14-2 record and defeated Pittsburgh 45-28 in the AFC Championship Game, opens its 1985 season at Houston on September 8.

Also, the opening Sunday will include four inter-conference games which will commence the 52-game AFC-NFC series. They are: Denver at the Los Angeles Rams, Kansas City at New Orleans, Green Bay at New England and St. Louis at Cleveland. In 1984, for the second consecutive season, the AFC and NFC tied in victories, 26-26. The AFC has won the series nine times, the NFC three times, with three deadlocked seasons. The AFC holds a 338-293-7 advantage in victories over the NFC.

The opening weekend of the NFL's 66th consecutive season also features Washington at Dallas in an NFC Eastern Division game on Monday night, September 9.

The 224-game regular season ends on the four-day weekend of December 20-23, when prime time television games are scheduled for Friday and Monday nights on ABC, while CBS and NBC will carry national games on Saturday and regional games on Sunday. The postseason playoffs begin on Sunday, December 29 when Wild Card teams play in the AFC and NFC First Round games. The First Round winners join the six AFC and NFC division champions in the Divisional Playoffs on Saturday and Sunday, January 3-5, 1986.

The AFC and NFC Championship Games, matching the survivors of the respective Divisional Playoffs, will be played Sunday, January 12. The AFC and NFC champions will meet two weeks later, Sunday, January 26, for the NFL Championship in Super Bowl XX at the Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (First Weekend)

1.	Denver at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
2.	Detroit at Atlanta	1:00
3.	Green Bay at New England	1:00
4.	Indianapolis at Pittsburgh	1:00
5.	Kansas City at New Orleans	12:00
6.	Miami at Houston	12:00
7.	New York Jets at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00
8.	Philadelphia at New York Giants	1:00
9.	St. Louis at Cleveland	1:00
10.	San Diego at Buffalo	4:00
11.	San Francisco at Minnesota	12:00
12.	Seattle at Cincinnati	1:00
13.	Tampa Bay at Chicago	12:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

14.	Washington at Dallas	8:00

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 (Second Weekend)

15.	Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City	7:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

16.	Atlanta at San Francisco	1:00
17.	Buffalo at New York Jets	1:00
18.	Cincinnati at St. Louis	12:00
19.	Dallas at Detroit	1:00
20.	Houston at Washington	1:00
21.	Indianapolis at Miami	4:00
22.	Los Angeles Rams at Philadelphia	1:00
23.	Minnesota at Tampa Bay	4:00
24.	New England at Chicago	12:00
25.	New Orleans at Denver	2:00
26.	New York Giants at Green Bay	3:00
27.	Seattle at San Diego	1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

28.	Pittsburgh at Cleveland	9:00

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (Third Weekend)

29.	Chicago at Minnesota	7:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

30.	Cleveland at Dallas	12:00
31.	Denver at Atlanta	1:00
32.	Detroit at Indianapolis	12:00
33.	Houston at Pittsburgh	1:00
34.	Kansas City at Miami	4:00
35.	New England at Buffalo	1:00
36.	New York Jets vs Green Bay (Milw.)	3:00
37.	Philadelphia at Washington	1:00
38.	St. Louis at New York Giants	1:00
39.	San Diego at Cincinnati	1:00
40.	San Francisco at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00
41.	Tampa Bay at New Orleans	12:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

42.	Los Angeles Rams at Seattle	6:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (Fourth Weekend)

43.	Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
44.	Cleveland at San Diego	1:00
45.	Dallas at Houston	12:00
46.	Green Bay at St. Louis	12:00
47.	Indianapolis at New York Jets	4:00
48.	Los Angeles Raiders at New England	1:00
49.	Miami at Denver	2:00
50.	Minnesota at Buffalo	1:00
51.	New Orleans at San Francisco	1:00
52.	New York Giants at Philadelphia	1:00
53.	Seattle at Kansas City	12:00
54.	Tampa Bay at Detroit	1:00
55.	Washington at Chicago	12:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

56.	Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 (Fifth Weekend)

57.	Buffalo at Indianapolis	12:00
58.	Chicago at Tampa Bay	1:00
59.	Dallas at New York Giants	8:00
60.	Detroit at Green Bay	12:00
61.	Houston at Denver	2:00
62.	Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00
63.	Minnesota at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
64.	New England at Cleveland	1:00
65.	New York Jets at Cincinnati	4:00

66. Philadelphia at New Orleans 12:00
67. Pittsburgh at Miami 1:00
68. San Diego at Seattle 1:00
69. San Francisco at Atlanta 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

70. St. Louis at Washington 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 (Sixth Weekend)

71. Atlanta at Seattle 1:00
72. Buffalo at New England 1:00
73. Chicago at San Francisco 1:00
74. Cleveland at Houston 12:00
75. Denver at Indianapolis 12:00
76. Detroit at Washinton 1:00
77. Kansas City at San Diego 1:00
78. Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay 1:00
79. Minnesota vs Green Bay (Milw.) 12:00
80. New Orleans at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
81. New York Giants at Cincinnati 1:00
82. Philadelphia at St. Louis 12:00
83. Pittsburgh at Dallas 12:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

84. Miami at New York Jets 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 (Seventh Weekend)

85. Cincinnati at Houston 12:00
86. Dallas at Philadelphia 1:00
87. Indianapolis at Buffalo 1:00
88. Los Angeles Raiders at Cleveland 1:00
89. Los Angeles Rams at Kansas City 12:00
90. New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
91. New York Jets at New England 4:00
92. St. Louis at Pittsburgh 1:00
93. San Diego at Minnesota 12:00
94. San Francisco at Detroit 1:00
95. Seattle at Denver 2:00
96. Tampa Bay at Miami 4:00
97. Washington at New York Giants 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

98. Green Bay at Chicago 8:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 (Eighth Weekend)

99. Atlanta at Dallas 12:00
100. Buffalo at Phladelphia 1:00
101. Denver at Kansas City 12:00
102. Green Bay at Indianapolis 1:00
103. Houston at St. Louis 12:00
104. Miami at Detroit 1:00
105. Minnesota at Chicago 12:00
106. New England at Tampa Bay 1:00
107. New York Giants at New Orleans 3:00
108. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 4:00
109. San Francisco at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
110. Seattle at New York Jets 1:00
111. Washington at Cleveland 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

112. San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders 6:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (Ninth Weekend)

113. Chicago at Green Bay 12:00
114. Cincinnati at Buffalo 1:00
115. Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
116. Denver at San Diego 1:00
117. Detroit at Minnesota 12:00
118. Kansas City at Houston 12:00
119. Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle 1:00
120. Miami at New England 1:00
121. New Orleans at Los Angeles Rams 1:00

CLUB LEADERS

	Offense	Defense
First Downs	Mia. 387	Chi. 216
Rushing	Chi. 164	Chi. 72
Passing	Mia. 243	Chi. 122
Penalty	N.O. 30	Mia. 12
Rushes	Chi. 674	Chi. 378
Net Yds. Gained	Chi. 2974	Chi. 1377
Avg. Gain	Rams 5.3	Det. 3.5
Passes Attempted	S.D. 662	N.O. 422
Completed	S.D. 401	Chi. 198
% Completed	Mia. 64.2	Chi. 45.5
Total Yds. Gained	Mia. 5146	N.O. 2873
Times Sacked	Mia. 14	Chi. 72
Yds. Lost	Mia. 128	Chi. 583
Net Yds. Gained	Mia. 5018	N.O. 2453
Net Yds. per Pass Play	Mia. 8.56	Raid. & Dal. 4.81
Yds. Gained per Comp.	Pitt. 14.66	G.B. 11.02
Combined Net Yds. Gained	Mia. 6936	Chi. 3863
% Total Yds. Rushing	Rams 57.2	Den. 29.3
% Total Yds. Passing	S.D. 73.7	N.O. 49.9
Ball Control Plays	S.D. 1154	Chi. 885
Avg. Yds. per Play	Mia. 6.5	Raiders 4.3
Avg. Time of Poss.	Chi. 35:08	—
Third Down Efficiency	Mia. 51.5	Chi. 26.4
Interceptions	—	Sea. 38
Yds. Returned	—	Sea. 697
Returned for TD	—	Sea. 7
Punts	Dall. 108	—
Yds. Punted	K.C. 4397	—
Avg. Yds. per Punt	K.C. 44.9	—
Punt Returns	Raiders 67	Mia. 17
Yds. Returned	Pitt. 696	Mia. 138
Avg. Yds. per Return	Cin. 12.4	Dall. 4.2
Returned for TD	Rams 2	—
Kickoff Returns	Minn. 86	Ind. 42
Yds. Returned	Minn. 1775	Ind. 849
Avg. Yds. per Return	N.Y.J. 23.0	G.B. 16.0
Returned for TD	Five with 1	—
Total Points Scored	Mia. 513	S.F. 227
Total TDs	Mia. 70	S.F. 24
TDs Rushing	Chi. 22	Dall. 8
TDs Passing	Mia. 49	Chi. & S.F. 14
TDs on Ret. and Rec.	Sea. 9	Three with 0
Extra Points	Mia. 66	S.F. 24
Safeties	Rams. 3	—
Field Goals Made	Phil. 30	Mia. 9
Field Goals Attempted	Phil. 37	Mia. 17
% Successful	Minn. 87.0	Mia. 52.9

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUB RANKINGS BY YARDS

	Offense			Defense		
Team	**Total**	**Rush**	**Pass**	**Total**	**Rush**	**Pass**
Atlanta	19	15	20	15	21	7
Buffalo	27	26	25	23	19	19
Chicago	7	*1	26	*1	*1	2
Cincinnati	5	6t	13t	13	11	18
Cleveland	24	21	18	2	15	3
Dallas	11	20	6	7	24	5
Denver	22	10	23	25	5	27
Detroit	12	14	13t	17	8	21
Green Bay	6	13	9	16	20	8
Houston	23	23	17	27	28	11
Indianapolis	28	12	28	22	17	22
Kansas City	17	27	7	24	16	23
Los Angeles Raiders	15	17	12	3	13	4
Los Angeles Rams	21	2	27	14	3	24
Miami	*1	16	*1	19	22	14
Minnesota	25	18	22	28	27	26
New England	14	11	16	9	12	12
New Orleans	20	8	24	4	26	*1
New York Giants	13	22	5	11	9	16
New York Jets	16	5	21	21	18	20
Philadelphia	26	28	11	12	23	6
Pittsburgh	8	6t	15	5	4	15
St. Louis	3	9	3	8	14	9
San Diego	4	24	2	26	10	28
San Francisco	2	3	4	10	7	17
Seattle	18	25	10	6	6	10
Tampa Bay	10	19	8	20	25	13
Washington	9	4	19	18	2	25

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**—League leader*

122. New York Jets at Indianapolis 4:00
123. Philadelphia at San Francisco 1:00
124. Tampa Bay at New York Giants 1:00
125. Washington at Atlanta 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

126. Dallas at St. Louis 8:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (Tenth Weekend)

127. Atlanta at Philadelphia 1:00
128. Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
129. Dallas at Washington 4:00
130. Detroit at Chicago 12:00
131. Green Bay at Minnesota 12:00
132. Houston at Buffalo 1:00
133. Indianapolis at New England 1:00
134. Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego 1:00
135. Los Angeles Rams at New York Giants 1:00
136. New York Jets at Miami 4:00
137. Pittsburgh at Kansas City 12:00
138. St. Louis at Tampa Bay 1:00
139. Seattle at New Orleans 12:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

140. San Francisco at Denver 7:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (Eleventh Weekend)

141. Buffalo at Cleveland 1:00
142. Chicago at Dallas 12:00
143. Cincinnati at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
144. Kansas City at San Francisco 1:00
145. Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta 1:00
146. Miami at Indianapolis 1:00
147. Minnesota at Detroit 4:00
148. New England at Seattle 1:00
149. New Orleans vs Green Bay (Milw.) 12:00
150. Pittsburgh at Houston 12:00
151. St. Louis at Philadelphia 1:00
152. San Diego at Denver 2:00
153. Tampa Bay at New York Jets 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

154. New York Giants at Washington 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (Twelfth Weekend)

155. Atlanta at Chicago 12:00
156. Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
157. Denver at Los Agneles Raiders 1:00
158. Detroit at Tampa Bay 1:00
159. Green Bay at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
160. Indianapolis at Kansas City 3:00
161. Miami at Buffalo 1:00
162. New England at New York Jets 1:00
163. New Orleans at Minnesota 12:00
164. New York Giants at St. Louis 3:00
165. Phialdelphia at Dallas 3:00
166. San Diego at Houston 12:00
167. Washington at Pittsburgh 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

168. Seattle at San Francisco 6:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (Thirteenth Weekend) (Thanksgiving Day)

169. New York Jets at Detroit 12:30
170. St. Louis at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

171. Buffalo at San Diego 1:00
172. Cleveland at New York Giants 1:00
173. Denver at Pittsburgh 1:00
174. Houston at Cincinnati 1:00
175. Kansas City at Seattle 1:00
176. Los Angeles Raiders at Atlanta 4:00
177. Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans 12:00
178. Minnesota at Philadelphia 1:00
179. New England at Philadelphia 1:00
180. San Francisco at Washington 4:00
181. Tampa Bay at Green Bay 12:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

182. Chicago at Miami 9:00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 (Fourteenth Weekend)

183. Pittsburgh at San Diego 5:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

184. Atlanta at Kansas City 12:00
185. Cleveland at Seattle 1:00
186. Dallas at Cincinnati 1:00
187. Detroit at New England 1:00
188. Indianapolis at Chicago 12:00
189. Los Angeles Raiders at Denver 2:00
190. Miami at Green Bay 12:00
191. New Orleans at St. Louis 12:00
192. New York Giants at Houston 3:00
193. New York Jets at Buffalo 1:00
194. Tampa Bay at Minnesota 3:00
195. Washington at Philadelphia 1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

196. Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco 6:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 (Fifteenth Weekend)

197. Chicago at New York Jets 12:30
198. Kansas City at Denver 2:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

199. Buffalo at Pittsburgh 1:00
200. Cincinnati at Washington 1:00
201. Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
202. Houston at Cleveland 1:00
203. Indianapolis at Tampa Bay 1:00
204. Minnesota at Atlanta 1:00
205. New York Giants at Dallas 12:00
206. Philadelphia at San Diego 1:00
207. St. Louis at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
208. San Francisco at New Orleans 12:00
209. Seattle at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

210. New England at Miami 9:00

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 (Sixteenth Weekend)

211. Denver at Seattle 5:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

212. Pittsburgh at New York Giants 12:30
213. Washington at St. Louis 3:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

214. Atlanta at New Orleans 12:00
215. Buffalo at Miami 1:00
216. Chicago at Detroit 1:00
217. Cincinnati at New England 1:00
218. Cleveland at New York Jets 1:00
219. Dallas at San Francisco 1:00
220. Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00
221. Houston at Indianapolis 4:00
222. Philadelphia at Minnesota 12:00
223. San Diego at Kansas City 12:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

224. Los Angeles Raiders at Los Angeles Rams 6:00

1985 AFC-NFC INTERCONFERENCE GAMES
(Sunday unless noted; all times local)

Sept. 8	Denver at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
	Green Bay at New England	1:00
	Kansas City at New Orleans	12:00
	St. Louis at Cleveland	1:00
Sept. 15	Cincinnati at St. Louis	12:00
	Houston at Washington	1:00
	New England at Chicago	12:00
	New Orleans at Denver	2:00
Sept. 22	Cleveland at Dallas	12:00
	Denver at Atlanta	1:00
	Detroit at Indianapolis	12:0
	New York Jets vs Green Bay (Milw.)	3:00
	San Francisco at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00
Sept. 23	Los Angeles Rams at Seattle (Monday night)	6:00
Sept. 29	Dallas at Houston	12:00
	Minnesota at Buffalo	1:00
Oct. 13	Atlanta at Seattle	1:00
	New Orleans at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00
	New York Giants at Cincinnati	1:00
	Pittsburgh at Dallas	12:00
Oct. 20	Los Angeles Rams at Kansas City	12:00
	St. Louis at Pittsburgh	1:00
	San Diego at Minnesota	12:00
	Tampa Bay at Miami	4:00
Oct. 27	Buffalo at Philadelpha	1:00
	Green Bay at Indianapolis	1:00
	Houston at St. Louis	12:00
	Miami at Detroit	1:00
	New England at Tampa Bay	1:00
	Washington at Cleveland	1:00
Nov. 10	Seattle at New Orleans	12:00
Nov. 11	San Francisco at Denver (Monday night)	7:00
Nov. 17	Kansas City at San Francisco	1:00
	Tampa Bay at New York Jets	1:00
Nov. 24	Washington at Pittsburgh	1:00
Nov. 25	Seattle at San Francisco (Monday night)	6:00
Nov. 28	New York Jets at Detroit (Thanksgiving)	12:30
Dec. 1	Cleveland at New York Giants	1:00
	Los Angeles Raiders at Atlanta	4:00
Dec. 2	Chicago at Miami (Monday night)	9:00
Dec. 8	Atlanta at Kansas City	12:00
	Detroit at New England	1:00
	Dallas at Cincinnati	1:00
	Indianapolis at Chicago	12:00
	Miami at Green Bay	12:00
	New York Giants at Houston	3:00
Dec. 14	Chicago at New York Jets (Saturday)	12:30
Dec.15	Cincinnati at Washington	1:00
	Indianapolis at Tampa Bay	1:00
	Philadelphia at San Diego	1:00
Dec. 21	Pittsburgh at New York Giants (Saturday)	12:30
Dec. 23	L.A. Raiders at L.A. Rams (Monday night)	6:00

1985 NATIONALLY TELEVISED GAMES
(All games carried on NBC Network Radio)
REGULAR SEASON

Mon., Sept. 9	Washington at Dallas (night, ABC)
Thurs., Sept. 12	Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City (night, ABC)
Mon., Sept. 16	Pittsburgh at Cleveland (night, ABC
Thurs., Sept. 19	Chicago at Minnesota (night, ABC)
Mon., Sept. 23	Los Angeles Rams at Seattle (night, ABC)
Mon., Sept. 30	Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (night, ABC)
Sun., Oct. 6	Dallas at New York Giants (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 7	St. Louis at Washington (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 14	Miami at New York Jets (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct 21	Green Bay at Chicago (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct 28	San Deigo at Los Angeles Raiders (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 4	Dallas at St. Louis (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 11	San Francisco at Denver (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 18	New York Giants at Washington (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 25	Seattle at San Francisco (night, ABC)
Thurs., Nov. 28	(Thanksgiving) New York Jets at Detroit (day, NBC) St. Louis at Dallas (day, CBS)
Mon., Dec. 2	Chicago at Miami (night, ABC)
Thurs., Dec. 5	Pittsburgh at San Diego (night, ABC)
Mon., Dec. 9	Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco (night, ABC)
Sat., Dec. 14	Chicago at New York Jets (day, CBS) Kansas City at Denver (day, NBC)
Mon., Dec. 16	New England at Miami (night, ABC)
Fri., Dec. 20	Denver at Seattle (night, ABC)
Sat., Dec. 21	Pittsburgh at New York Giants (day, NBC) Washington at St. Louis (day, CBS)
Mon. Dec. 23	Los Angeles Raiders at Los Angeles Rams (night, ABC)

POSTSEASON

Sun., Dec. 29	AFC and NFC First Round Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sat. Jan. 4	AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sun., Jan. 5	AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sun., Jan. 12	AFC and NFC Championship Games (NBC and CBS)
Sun., Jan. 26	Super Bowl XX at Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans (NBC)
Sun., Feb. 2	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii (ABC)

MONDAY NIGHT GAMES AT A GLANCE
(All times local; televised by ABC and broadcast by NBC Network Radio)

Sept. 9	Washington at Dallas	8:00
Sept. 16	Pittsburgh at Cleveland	9:00
Sept. 23	Los Angeles Rams at Seattle	6:00
Sept. 30	Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	9:00
Oct. 7	St. Louis at Washington	9:00
Oct. 14	Miami at New York Jets	9:00
Oct. 21	Green Bay at Chicago	8:00
Oct. 28	San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders	6:00
Nov. 4	Dallas at St. Louis	8:00
Nov. 11	San Francisco at Denver	7:00
Nov. 18	New York Giants at Washington	9:00
Nov. 25	Seattle at San Francisco	6:00
Dec. 2	Chicago at Miami	9:00
Dec. 9	Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco	6:00
Dec. 16	New England at Miami	9:00
Dec. 23	Los Angeles Raiders at Los Angeles Rams	6:00

SUNDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY PRIME TIME NIGHT GAMES AT A GLANCE
All times local; televised by ABC and broadcast by NBC Network Radio)

Thurs. Sept. 12	Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City	7:00
Thurs. Sept. 19	Chicago at Minnesota	7:00
Sun., Oct. 6	Dallas at New York Giants	8:00
Thurs., Dec. 5	Pittsburgh at San Diego	5:00
Fri., Dec.20	Denver at Seattle	5:00

(Editors Note: The five prime time specials on ABC-TV and NBC Network Radio will start at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.)

Hall of Fame Top 20 Rushers

CANTON, OHIO — In the last two or three years, it had become apparent that Jim Brown's career rushing mark, once considered to be unbreakable, was in serious jeopardy. Franco Harris of the Pittsburgh Steelers was rapidly gaining on the mark and Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears, while behind Harris in third place, was a future threat.

As it turned out, it was Payton who quickly sprinted ahead of Harris in 1984. In the season's sixth game against the New Orleans Saints, he came up with a fifth consecutive 100-yard-plus ground-gaining performance to become history's No. 1 rusher. Pete Eliott, executive director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, was on hand for the memorable occasion and received the ball directly from Payton for immediate display at the Hall. Payton wound up the 1984 campaign with 1,684 yards and a commanding lead over Brown in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty rushing display.

The Top Twenty display features career statistical listings of the lifetime leaders in scoring, rushing, receiving, and forward passing. This display is updated every week during each season. Contained in a four-sided, eight foot high, translited pylon, the popular display differs from other similar rankings in that statistics from all major football leagues, including the All-America Football Conference, are included.

Payton enters his 11th season in 1985 with a 997-yard lead over Brown. The Bears' superback now has 13,309 yards in his career while Brown wound up his nine-year career with 12,312 yards. However, Brown, who was a 1971 enshrinee of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, still holds impressive leads in two other vital departments. His 5.2-yard average per carry and his 106 rushing touchdowns are best-ever marks.

In the meantime, Harris ran into contract difficulties with the Steelers and wound up in Seattle for a brief fling with the Seahawks. He managed only 170 yards in eight games, however, and finished up with 12,120 career yards and third place in the all-time standings.

With eight of the 20 leading rushers in the Top Twenty at the start of the 1984 campaign still active and a ninth player, Wilbert Montgomery of the Philadelphia Eagles, entering the elite listing for the first time, there was plenty of movement throughout the rushing ranking display.

John Riggins of the Washington Redskins carried for 1,239 yards and jumped ahead of Joe Perry into fifth place. Riggins now has 10,675 career yards and is only the fifth player to pass the lofty 10,000-yard plateau. With 96 rushing touchdowns, he ranks a solid second to Jim Brown in that department.

The Dallas Cowboys' Tony Dorsett also passed the 1,000-yard mark in 1984 and 1,189 yards gained and, in so doing moved up one notch ahead of Jim Taylor into the No.7 position. Dorsett now has 9,525 yards in eight seasons and should pass Perry, who had 9,723 yards in 16 seasons, for the No. 6 position in the 1985 campaign.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TOP TWENTY RANKINGS
LEADING LIFETIME RUSHERS
(At the start of the 1985 season)

Rank		Player	League	Yrs.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1	(3)	Walter Payton*	NFL	10	3047	13309	4.4	89
2	(1)	**Jim Brown**	NFL	9	2359	12312	5.2	106
3	(2)	Franco Harris*	NFL	13	2949	12120	4.1	91
4	(4)	**O. J. Simpson**	AFL-NFL	11	2404	11236	4.7	61
5	(6)	John Riggins*	NFL	13	2740	10675	3.9	96
6	(5)	**Joe Perry**	AAFC--NFL	16	1929	9723	5.0	71
7	(8)	Tony Dorsett*	NFL	8	2136	9525	4.5	59
8	(9)	Earl Campbell*	NFL	7	2029	8764	4.3	73
9	(7)	**Jim Taylor**	NFL	10	1941	8597	4.4	83
10	(10)	Larry Csonka	AFL-NFL	11	1891	8081	4.3	64
11	(19)	O.J. Anderson*	NFL	6	1690	7364	4.4	40
12	(11)	Leroy Kelly	NFL	10	1727	7274	4.2	74
13	(12)	John Henry Johnson	NFL-AFL	13	1571	6803	4.3	48
14	(13T)	Chuck Muncie*	NFL	9	1561	6702	4.3	71
15	(13T)	Mark van Eeghen	NFL	10	1652	6651	4.0	37
16	(15)	Lawrence McCutcheon	NFL	10	1521	6578	4.3	26
17	(--)	Mike Pruitt*	NFL	9	1593	6540	4.1	47
18	(--)	Wilbert Montgomery*	NFL	8	1465	6538	4.5	45
19	(16)	Lydell Mitchell	NFL	9	1675	6534	3.9	30
20	(17)	Floyd Little	AFL-NFL	9	1641	6323	3.8	43

* Active in 1984 season. Pro Football Hall of Fame members in bold type.
Number in **parenthesis** indicates rank at the start of the 1984 season.
NOTE: Mike Pruitt and Wilbert Montgomery attained Top Twenty ranking during the 1984 season. They displaced Don Perkins (6217 yards) and Ken Willard (6105 yards). Williams Andrews (5772 yards) did not play in 1984 because of injury but stands next in line to reach the Top Twenty if he returns to action in 1985. Of those players active in 1984, Greg Pruitt (5672 yards) and Pete Johnson (5626 yards) stand next in line behind Andrews to enter the Top Twenty.

Hall of Fame Top 20 Passers

CANTON, OHIO — During the 1984 National Football League season, Joe Montana did it all. He not only was the NFC individual forward passing champion with a sparkling 102.9 rating score but he led his San Francisco 49ers team to the NFC championship and victory in Super Bowl XIX. With his three touchdown passes and a record 331 yards passing, he won Super Bowl MVP honors.

The six-year phenomenon from Notre Dame also increased his lead in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty forward passing display. The popular and attractive display is housed in an eight-foot high, four-sided, translited pylon and includes ratings of the lifetime individual leaders in passing, receiving, scoring and rushing. Changed weekly during each football season, the Hall's rankings differ from other similar listings in that statistics from the All-America Football Conference are included with those from the American and National Football Leagues.

Montana attempted his 1,500th career pass late in the 1983 season to become eligible for the career rankings. Once that happened, he found himself ahead of the long-time leader of the Hall's passing rankings, Otto Graham. Montana wound up the 1983 campaign with an 89.7 career score. Graham, a Pro Football Hall of Fame passer who began his career in the AAFC, had an 86.6 overall mark. Now, after the 1984 season, Montana is a whopping 6.1 points ahead of Graham with a 92.7 rating, the highest ever recorded in the career rankings. Without his AAFC play, incidentally, Graham's lifetime score is 78.1.

Right below Montana and Graham, two Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks, the retired Roger Staubach and the still-active Danny White, traded places during the 1984 season. Staubach, who recently was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, was the NFL-only leader until first White for a brief period and then Montana passed him up late in 1983. Staubach's 83.4 career mark of course did not change but White's lifetime score dropped from 84.2 to 82.7 during the season.

White's fourth-place mark puts him just ahead of Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen and Len Dawson who are tied for fifth place with 82.6 rating marks. Right behind in seventh place and still in a position to climb up the ladder in the all-time ranking is Ken Anderson of the Cincinnati Bengals. He has an 82.0 career rating.

Another active player, Dan Fouts of the San Diego Chargers, stayed right behind Anderson during the 1984 season. While Anderson lost one-tenth of a point in his career score, Fouts gained a tenth of a point to edge slightly closer to the Bengals ace, 81.2 to 82.0

Joe Theismann of the Washington Redskins made significant progress for the second year in a row in 1984. He upped his career rating from 77.4 to 79.0 and, in so doing, moved from 14th place to 11th place in the all-time rankings. In making his climb, he passed Frank Ryan (77.7) and Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas and Bert Jones (both 78.2). A year earlier in 1983, Theisman made another dramatic jump from 19th place to the No. 14 slot.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TOP TWENTY RANKINGS
LEADING LIFETIME FORWARD PASSERS
(At the start of the 1985 season)
MINIMUM 1500 ATTEMPTS

Rank		Player	League	Yrs.	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Rating Pts.
1	(--)	Joe Montana*	NFL	6	2077	1324	15,609	106	54	92.7
2	(2)	**Otto Graham**	AAFC-NFL	10	2626	1464	23,584	174	135	86.6
3	(2)	**Roger Staubach**	NFL	11	2958	1685	22,700	153	109	83.4
4	(3)	Danny White*	NFL	9	1943	1155	14,754	109	90	82.7
5T	(5T)	**Sonny Jurgensen**	NFL	18	4262	2433	32,224	255	189	82.6
5T	(5T)	Len Dawson	NFL-AFL	19	3741	2136	28,711	239	183	82.6
7	(7)	Ken Anderson*	NFL	14	4420	2627	32,497	194	158	82.0
8	(8)	Dan Fouts*	NFL	12	4380	2585	33,854	201	185	81.2
9	(9)	**Bart Starr**	NFL	16	3149	1808	24,718	152	138	80.5
10	(10)	Fran Tarkenton	NFL	18	6467	3686	47,003	342	266	80.4
11	(14)	Joe Theismann*	NFL	11	3301	1877	23,432	152	122	79.0
12T	(11T)	Bert Jones	NFL	10	2551	1430	18,190	124	101	78.2
12T	(11T)	**Johnny Unitas**	NFL	18	5186	2830	40,239	290	253	78.2
14	(13)	Frank Ryan	NFL	13	2133	1090	16,042	149	111	77.6
15	(15)	Bob Griese	AFL-NFL	14	3429	1926	25,092	192	172	77.1
16	(--)	Steve Bartkowski*	NFL	10	3219	1802	22,732	149	140	75.5
17	(16)	Ken Stabler*	AFL-NFL	15	3793	2270	27,938	194	222	75.3
18	(17)	**Norm Van Brocklin**	NFL	12	2895	1553	23,611	173	178	75.1
19	(18)	**Sid Luckman**	NFL	12	1744	904	14,686	137	132	75.0
20	(19)	Brian Sipe	NFL	10	3439	1944	23,713	154	149	74.8

* Active in 1984 season. Pro Football Hall of Fame members in bold type.
Number in **parenthesis** indicates rank at the start of the 1984 season.
NOTE: Steve Bartkowski attained Top Twenty ranking during the 1984 season. He displaced Don Meredith (94.7). Of those players who were active in 1984 who are not in the Top Twenty, Gary Danielson (74.7), Ron Jaworski (73.7) and Tommy Kramer (72.0) rank the highest.

Hall of Fame Top 20 Receivers

CANTON — OHIO With 61 catches during the 1984 season, Charlie Joiner of the San Diego Chargers catapulted past the "big three" of Charley Taylor, Don Maynard and Raymond Berry into the No. 1 spot on the all-time pass receiving list.

Joiner's milestone accomplishment was clearly a major highlight among the changes that took place during the 1984 season in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty display. The Top Twenty display is a popular and attractive exhibition which lists in order the leading lifetime receivers, passers, scorers and rushers. Located in a four-sided, eight-foot high, translited pylon, the rankings are changed each week during the season. The Hall's rankings differ from all other similar listings in that statistics from all major pro football leagues, including the All-America Football Conference, are included. No receiver in the current Top Twenty, however, ever played in the AAFC.

With 61 catches in 1984, Joiner jumped from 596 receptions, and a No. 4 spot on the Top Twenty to the No. 1 ranking with 657 career catches. Taylor, a 1984 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee and the all-time leader for almost nine seasons, had 649 receptions in 13 NFL seasons, the first two-and-a-half of which he spent as a running back.

Joiner also started his career at another position. He joined the Houston Oilers in the final 1969 American Football League season as a defensive back but it wasn't long before he was catching passes instead of trying to stop them from being caught. He moved to the Cincinnati Bengals in his fourth season and wound up with the Chargers via the trade route in 1976. While he was a valuable receiver with the Oilers and Bengals, he blossomed into all-time greatness with the Chargers. Of his 657 career grabs, 493 have come during his San Diego tenure with 422 of them being passed to Charlie by quarterback Dan Fouts. Ironically, when Charlie broke the record against the Pittsburgh Steelers on November 25, Fouts was on the sidelines with an injury suffered earlier in the game. Reserve quarterback Ed Luther was on the throwing end of the historic reception.

While the accomplishment of Steve Largent was not as dramatic as that of Joiner, the Seattle Seahawks' ace receiver made the biggest jump of any Top Twenty pass catcher in 1984. With 74 catches in his ninth NFL season, Joiner jumped all the way from 20th place to No. 9. Steve now has 545 catches and he stands an excellent chance of being only the fifth player to pass the 600-reception mark in 1985.

Although he was hampered by injuries through much of the season, Cliff Branch of the Los Angeles Raiders also improved his position on the Top Twenty list in 1984. His 27 catches upped his career total to 501, good enough for 13th place. Branch started the 1984 campaign in an 18th place tie with the retired Boyd Dowler.

There was only one other active player among the Top Twenty leaders in 1984. He was Harold Carmichael, a 13-year veteran with the Philadelphia Eagles who moved to the Dallas Cowboys early in the campaign.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TOP TWENTY RANKINGS
LEADING LIFETIME RECEIVERS
(At the start of the 1985 season)

Rank		Player	League	Yrs.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1	(4)	Charley Joiner*	AFL-NFL	16	657	10774	16.4	56
2	(1)	**Charley Taylor**	NFL	13	649	9110	14.0	79
3	(2)	Don Maynard	NFL-AFL	15	633	11834	18.7	88
4	(3)	**Raymond Berry**	NFL	13	631	9275	14.7	68
5	(5T)	Harold Carmichael*	NFL	14	590	8985	15.2	79
6	(5T)	Fred Biletnikoff	AFL-NFL	14	589	8974	15.2	76
7	(7)	Harold Jackson	NFL	16	579	10372	17.9	76
8	(8)	Lionel Taylor	NFL-AFL	10	567	7195	12.7	45
9	(20)	Steve Largent*	NFL	9	545	8772	16.1	72
10	(9)	**Lance Alworth**	AFL-NFL	11	542	10226	18.9	85
11	(10)	**Bobby Mitchell**	NFL	11	521	7954	15.3	65
12	(11)	Billy Howton	NFL	12	503	8459	16.8	61
13	(18T)	Cliff Branch*	NFL	12	501	8685	17.3	67
14T	(12T)	Tommy McDonald	NFL	12	495	8410	17.0	84
14T	(12T)	Ahmad Rashad	NFL	10	495	6831	13.8	44
16	(14)	Drew Pearson	NFL	11	489	7822	16.0	48
17	(14)	**Don Hutson**	NFL	11	488	7991	16.4	99
18	(16)	Jackie Smith	NFL	16	480	7918	16.5	40
19	(17)	Art Powell	AFL-NFL	10	479	8046	16.8	81
20	(18T)	Boyd Dowler	NFL	12	474	7270	15.4	40

* Active in 1984 season. Pro Football Hall of Fame members in bold type.
Number in **parenthesis** indicates rank at the start of the 1983 season.
NOTE: There were no new players added to the Top Twenty receiving list in 1984. Of those players active in 1984, Ozzie Newsome (440 receptions, Nat Moore (421 receptions) and Isaac Curtis (416 receptions) stand next in line for the Top Twenty.

Hall of Fame Top 20 Scorers

CANTON, OHIO — Jan Stenerud, the veteran placekicking specialist who got a new life with the Minnesota Vikings after joining the team during the pre-season campaign, moved into second place among the lifetime scoring leaders in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty display during the 1984 season.

That was the major development that took place in the scoring portion of the Hall's constantly-updated Top Twenty exhibition, which presents, in an attractive, back-lighted, four-sided display pylon, the 20 career leaders in four categories -- scoring, rushing, receiving and forward passing. Updated every week during the season, the display includes statistics recorded in the three major leagues of pro football -- the American Football League, the National Football League and the All-America Football Conference.

Stenerud scored 90 points during the last campaign to increase his lifetime total to 1,613 points, five more than Pro Football Hall of Famer Lou Groza tallied in 21 seasons with the Cleveland Browns. Included in Groza's total are 259 points recorded in four years of AAFC activity. Stenerud, who previously played with the Kansas City Chiefs and Green Bay Packers, was in his 18th season in 1984.

There was one other position change among the Top Ten in the scoring rankings. Mark Moseley of the Washington Redskins scored 120 points to balloon his 14-year career mark to 1,224 points. That performance enabled him to jump ahead of Gino Cappelletti, who tallied 1,130 points in 11 seasons with the Boston Patriots. Cappelletti, whose scoring total includes 42 touchdowns, was the leading scorer in the 10-year history of the American Football League.

Moseley now ranks No. 7 among the scoring leaders while Cappelletti drops to the 8th position. Moseley is 141 points shy of Fred Cox's 1,124-point total in the No. 6 position and will be hard-pressed to move up another notch in the 1985 campaign. Cappelletti's current position should not be challenged for two or three years inasmuch as the next active player among the Top Twenty now ranks No. 18 and is 298 points short of Gino's mark.

The No. 18 scorer is Ray Wersching of the San Francisco 49ers, who scored an NFL-leading 131 points in 1984 to move into the Top Twenty circle for the first time. Wersching has 832 points to show for his 12 seasons of pro play. With a matching 131-point season in 1985, Wersching could jump all the way to the No. 13 spot inasmuch as the players in the 10 positions immediately ahead of him are all retired.

Pat Leahy of the New York Jets also was a newcomer to the Top Twenty list in 1984. Leahy scored 89 points to increase his career mark to 780 points and that earned him a 16th-place. In moving into the Top Twenty, Wersching and Leahy nudged Paul Hornung (760 points) and Tony Fritsch (758 points) out of the elite circle.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TOP TWENTY RANKINGS
LEADING LIFETIME SCORERS
(At the start of the 1985 season)

Rank		Player	League	Yrs.	TD	PAT	FG	TOT.
1	(1)	**George Blanda**	NFL-AFL	26	9	943	335	2002
2	(3)	Jan Stenerud*	AFL-NFL	18	0	539	358	1613
3	(2)	**Lou Groza**	AAFC-NFL	21	1	810	264	1608
4	(4)	Jim Turner	AFL-NFL	16	1	521	304	1439
5	(5)	Jim Bakken	NFL	17	0	534	282	1380
6	(6)	Fred Cox	NFL	15	0	519	282	1365
7	(8)	Mark Moseley*	NFL	14	0	426	266	1224
8	(7)	Gino Cappelletti	AFL	11	42	350	176	1130
9	(9)	Don Cockroft	NFL	13	0	432	216	1080
10	(10)	Garo Yepremian	NFL-AFL	14	0	444	210	1074
11	(11)	Bruce Gossett	NFL	11	0	374	219	1031
12	(12)	Sam Baker	NFL	15	2	428	179	977
13	(13)	Lou Michaels	NFL	13	1	386	187	955
14	(14)	Roy Gerela	AFL-NFL	11	0	351	184	903
15	(15)	Bobby Walston	NFL	12	46	365	80	881
16	(16)	Pete Gogolak	AFL-NFL	10	0	344	173	863
17	(17)	Errol Mann	NFL	11	0	315	177	846
18	(--)	Ray Wersching*	NFL	12	0	319	171	832
19	(18)	**Don Hutson**	NFL	11	105	172	7	823
20	(--)	Pat Leahy*	NFL	11	0	306	158	780

* Active in 1984 season. Pro Football Hall of Fame members in bold type.
Numbers in **parenthesis** indicates rank at the start of the 1984 season.
NOTE: Ray Wersching and Pat Leahy attained Top Twenty ranking during the 1984 season. They displaced Paul Hornung (760 points) and Tony Fritsch (758 points). Of those players active in 1984, Rafael Septien (773 points) and Chris Bahr (759 points) stand next in line for the Top Twenty.

NFL News 'n Notes

1984 NFL PAID ATTENDANCE 2ND HIGHEST EVER

The National Football League 1984 regular season paid attendance of 13,397,712 and average of 59, 811 are the second highest figures in the league's 65-year history. The 1984 figures are exceeded only the the record season total attendance of 13,606,990 and average of 60,745 in 1981 over the same number of 224 games.

The 13,397,712 total in 1984 represents an increase of 120,490 over the 1983 total of 13,277,222 for an average of 59,372.

The previous second highest total and average were 13,392,230 and 59,787 in 1980.

AFC AND NFC TIE 26-26 IN INTERCONFERENCE SERIES

The AFC and NFC split the final two games of the 52-game interconference series on the 16th weekend of the 1984 NFL regular season to finish in a 26-26 tie for the second year in a row. It marks the third time in the 15-year history of the series that it ended in a tie. It was also tied 19-19-2 in 1973. The AFC has captured the series nine times and the NFC three times. In the 15 seasons of the series, the AFC has built a 338-293-7 advantage in victories over the NFC.

1984 NFL SCORING AVERAGE IS 2ND HIGHEST SINCE 1970 MERGER

The 42.4 average points per game during the 224-game 1984 NFL regular season is the second highest since the implementation of the merger in 1970. The highest average in the past 15 seasons was 43.7 points per game last season when the 9,779 points scored were 277 more than the 1984 total of 9,502. The highest per game average in modern NFL history is 46.1 in 1965.

The 1,118 touchdowns scored in 1984 was a decrease of 46 from the 1983 total of 1,164. There were 613 touchdown passes (625 in 1983); 412 rushing touchdowns (437 in '83); and 93 return touchdowns (102 in '83). Thus, passing accounted for .548 of all touchdowns in 1984.

NFL kickers were extremely accurate, making 563 of 783 field goal attempts for a success percentage of .719, the highest in modern times. Kickers made .964 of their extra point attempts, with 1,075 out of 1,115.

The average yards per game was 659.6 for a decrease of 9.1 from the 1983 average of 668.7. The passing average was 411.8 yards per game; (409.2 in 1983); rushing was 247.7 (259.5 in '83).

Ninety-six of the 224 games (.429) were decided by seven-points-or-less; 59 games (.263) were decided by three-points-or-less. Home teams won 129 games, visitors won 94, with one tie.

1984 NFC TAKEAWAY-GIVEAWAY TABLE

	TAKEAWAYS			GIVEAWAYS				
	Int.	Fum.	Total	Int.	Fum.	Total		NET DIFF.
San Francisco	25	13	38	10	12	22	=	16
Washington	21	22	43	13	15	28	=	15
Giants	19	16	35	18	9	27	=	8
Green Bay	27	15	42	30	7	37	=	5
Rams	17	22	39	17	18	35	=	4
Chicago	21	13	34	15	16	31	=	3
Dallas	28	16	44	26	17	43	=	1
Philadelphia	20	11	31	17	16	33	=	−2
St. Louis	21	12	33	16	20	36	=	−3
Atlanta	12	20	32	19	21	40	=	−8
Detroit	14	11	25	22	14	36	=	−11
Tampa Bay	18	14	32	23	20	43	=	−11
Minnesota	11	18	29	25	16	41	=	−12
New Orleans	13	10	23	28	13	41	=	−18

1984 AFC TAKEAWAY-GIVEAWAY TABLE

	TAKEAWAYS			GIVEAWAYS				
	Int.	Fum.	Total	Int.	Fum.	Total		NET DIFF.
Seattle	38	25	63	26	13	39	=	+24
Denver	31	24	55	17	17	34	=	21
Miami	24	12	36	18	10	28	=	8
Kansas City	30	11	41	22	15	37	=	4
Pittsburgh	31	11	42	25	15	40	=	4
Cincinnati	25	15	40	22	17	39	=	1
Jets	15	19	34	21	13	34	=	0
San Diego	19	17	36	21	17	38	=	−2
Cleveland	20	15	35	23	16	39	=	−4
New England	17	8	25	14	15	29	=	−4
Buffalo	16	21	37	30	14	44	=	−7
Houston	13	11	24	15	16	31	=	−7
Indianapolis	18	13	31	22	17	39	=	−8
Raiders	20	14	34	28	20	48	=	−14

Official National Football League Statistics

RUSHING

(Compiled by Elias Sports Bureau)

YARDS
NFC: 2105 Eric Dickerson, Rams
AFC: 1179 Earnest Jackson, San Diego

YARDS, GAME
NFC: 215 Eric Dickerson, Rams vs. Houston, December 9 (27 attempts)
AFC: 206 Greg Bell, Buffalo vs. Dallas, November 18 (27 attempts)

LONGEST (Yards)
AFC: 85 Greg Bell, Buffalo vs. Dallas, November 18 - TD
NFC: 81 Billy Sims, Detroit at San Diego, September 30

ATTEMPTS
NFC: 407 James Wilder, Tampa Bay
AFC: 296 Earnest Jackson, San Diego
Sammy Winder, Denver

ATTEMPTS, GAME
NFC: 43 James Wilder, Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay, September 30 (172 yards)
AFC: 34 Sammy Winder, Denver at Raiders, October 28 (126 yards)

YARDS PER ATTEMPT
NFC: 6.0 Hokie Gajan, New Orleans
AFC: 5.0 Joe Carter, Miami

TOUCHDOWNS
NFC: 14 Eric Dickerson, Rams
John Riggins, Washington
AFC: 13 Marcus Allen, Raiders

TEAM LEADERS, YARDS

AFC:			NFC:		
BUFFALO	1100	Greg Bell	ATLANTA	1486	Gerald Riggs
CINCINNATI	623	Larry Kinnebrew	CHICAGO	1684	Walter Payton
CLEVELAND	673	Boyce Green	DALLAS	1189	Tony Dorsett
DENVER	1153	Sammy Winder	DETROIT	687	Billy Sims
HOUSTON	785	Larry Moriarty	GREEN BAY	581	Gerry Ellis
INDIANAPOLIS	705	Randy McMillan	L.A. RAMS	2105	Eric Dickerson
KANSAS CITY	684	Herman Heard	MINNESOTA	773	Alfred Anderson
L.A. RAIDERS	1168	Marcus Allen	NEW ORLEANS	914	George Rogers
MIAMI	606	Woody Bennett	N.Y. GIANTS	795	Rob Carpenter
NEW ENGLAND	790	Craig James	PHILADELPHIA	789	Wilbert Montgomery
N.Y. JETS	1070	Freeman McNeil	ST. LOUIS	1174	Ottis Anderson
PITTSBURGH	851	Frank Pollard	SAN FRANCISCO	1262	Wendell Tyler
SAN DIEGO	1179	Earnest Jackson	TAMPA BAY	1544	James Wilder
SEATTLE	327	David Hughes	WASHINGTON	1239	John Riggins

TEAM CHAMPION:
NFC: 2974 Chicago
AFC: 2189 N.Y. Jets

TOP TEN RUSHERS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Dickerson, Eric, Rams	379	2105	5.6	66	14
Payton, Walter, Chi.	381	1684	4.4	t72	11
Wilder, James, T.B.	407	1544	3.8	37	13
Riggs, Gerald, Atl.	353	1486	4.2	57	13
Tyler, Wendell, S.F.	246	1262	5.1	40	7
Riggins, John, Wash.	327	1239	3.8	24	14
Dorsett, Tony, Dall.	302	1189	3.9	t31	6
Jackson, Earnest, S.D.	296	1179	4.0	t32	8
Anderson, Ottis, St.L.	289	1174	4.1	24	6
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	275	1168	4.2	t52	13

RUSHING (Cont.)

AFC - INDIVIDUAL RUSHERS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Kenney, Bill, K.C.	9	-8	-0.9	1	0
Walker, Dwight, Clev. .	1	-8	-8.0	-8	0
Smith, Phil, Ind.	2	-10	-5.0	-3	0
Fryar, Irving, N.E. ...	2	-11	-5.5	0	0
Starring, Stephen, N.E.	2	-16	-8.0	0	0
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	12	-29	-2.4	3	0

t = touchdown
Leader based on most yards gained

NFC - INDIVIDUAL RUSHERS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Duckett, Kenny, N.O.	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
Ellard, Henry, Rams	3	-5	-1.7	5	0
Marsh, Doug, St.L.	1	-5	-5.0	-5	0
Quick, Mike, Phil.	1	-5	-5.0	-5	0
Runager, Max, S.F.	1	-5	-5.0	-5	0
Smith, Waddell, Dall.	1	-5	-5.0	-5	0
Black, Mike, Det.	3	-6	-2.0	4	0
Hart, Jim, Wash.	3	-6	-2.0	-2	0
Thompson, Leonard, Det.	3	-7	-2.3	4	0
Wilson, Dave, N.O.	3	-7	-2.3	-2	0
Green, Roy, St.L.	1	-10	-10.0	-10	0
Cavanaugh, Matt, S.F.	4	-11	-2.8	-1	0
Collins, Dwight, Minn.	3	-14	-4.7	1	0
Hansen, Brian, N.O.	2	-27	-13.5	-12	0

t = touchdown
Leader based on most yards gained

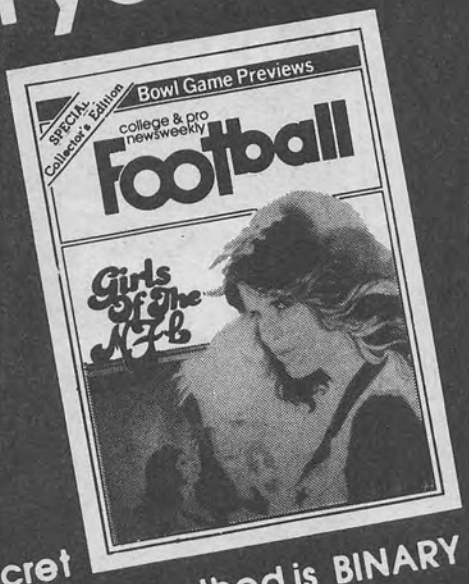
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - RUSHING

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Jets	504	2189	4.3	64	17
Cincinnati	540	2179	4.0	33	18
Pittsburgh	574	2179	3.8	52	13
Denver	508	2076	4.1	52	12
New England	482	2032	4.2	73	15
Indianapolis	510	2025	4.0	t31	13
Miami	484	1918	4.0	35	18
Raiders	516	1886	3.7	t52	19
Cleveland	489	1696	3.5	54	10
Houston	433	1656	3.8	t51	13
San Diego	456	1654	3.6	t32	18
Seattle	495	1645	3.3	t40	10
Buffalo	398	1643	4.1	t85	9
Kansas City	408	1527	3.7	t69	12
Conference Total	6797	26305	---	t85	197
Conference Average	485.5	1878.9	3.9	--	14.1

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - RUSHING

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Chicago	674	2974	4.4	t72	22
Rams	541	2864	5.3	66	16
San Francisco	534	2465	4.6	47	21
Washington	588	2274	3.9	31	20
New Orleans	523	2171	4.2	t62	9
St. Louis	488	2088	4.3	39	21
Green Bay	461	2019	4.4	50	18
Detroit	446	2017	4.5	81	13
Atlanta	489	1994	4.1	57	16
Minnesota	444	1844	4.2	39	10
Tampa Bay	483	1776	3.7	37	17
Dallas	469	1714	3.7	t31	12
Giants	493	1660	3.4	28	12
Philadelphia	381	1338	3.5	27	6
Conference Total	7014	29198	---	81	213
Conference Average	501.0	2085.6	4.2	--	15.2
League Total	13811	55503	---	t85	410
League Average	493.3	1982.3	4.0	--	14.6

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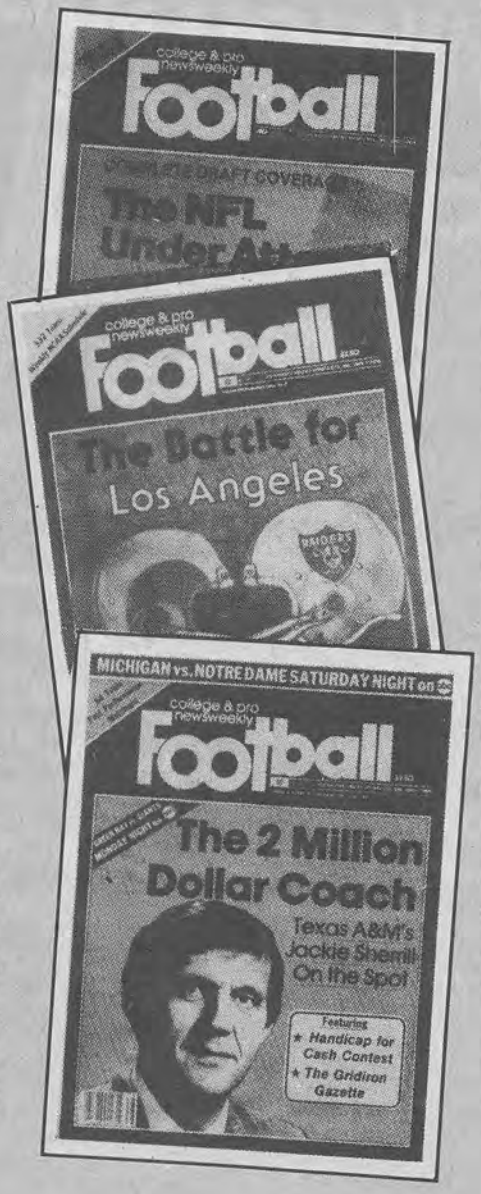
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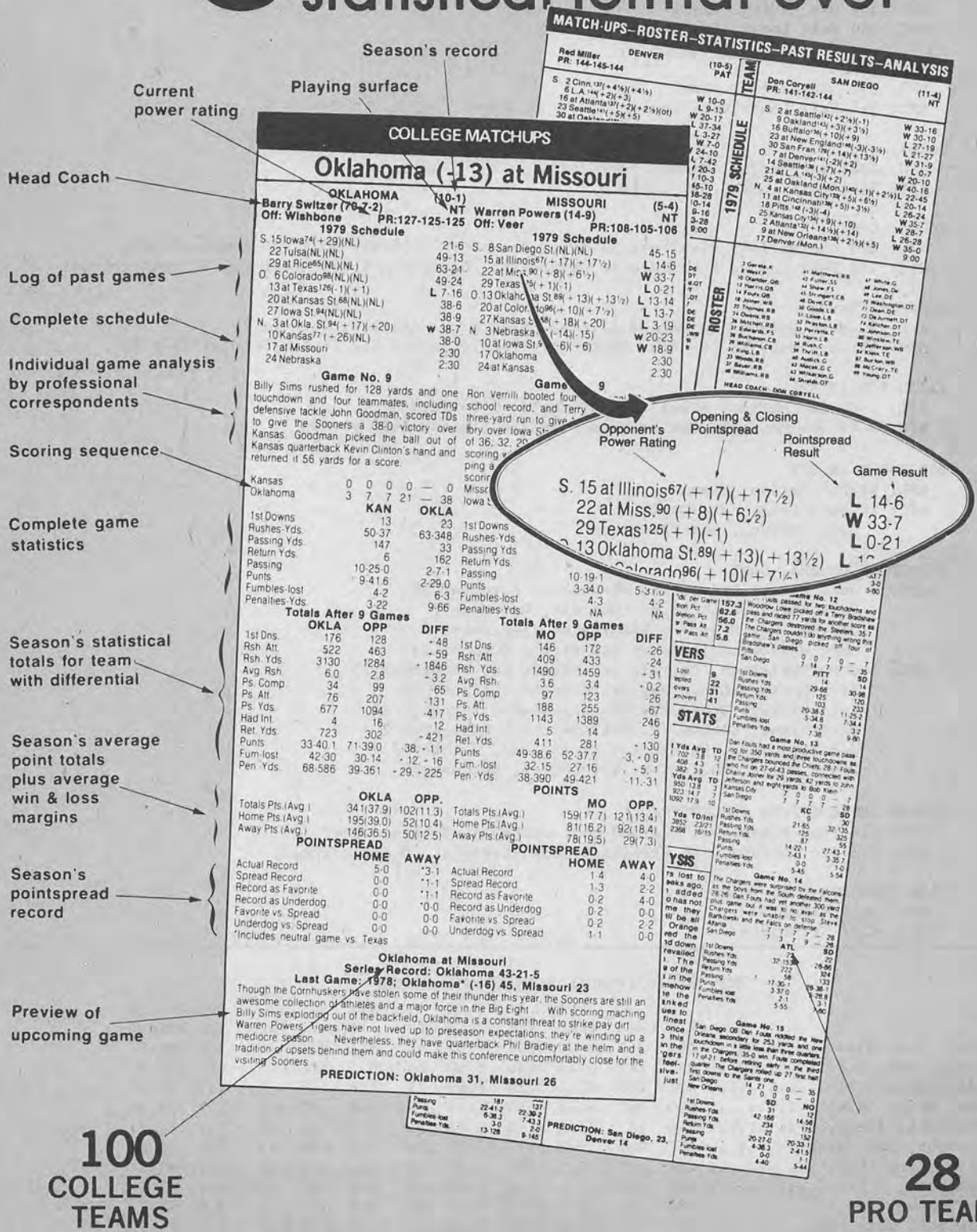
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PASSING

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HIGHEST RATING
AFC: 108.9 Dan Marino, Miami
NFC: 102.9 Joe Montana, San Francisco

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
NFC: 67.3 Steve Bartkowski, Atlanta (269 attempts, 181 completions)
AFC: 64.2 Dan Marino, Miami (564 attempts, 362 completions)

ATTEMPTS
AFC: 564 Dan Marino, Miami
NFC: 560 Neil Lomax, St. Louis

COMPLETIONS
AFC: 362 Dan Marino, Miami
NFC: 345 Neil Lomax, St. Louis

YARDS
AFC: 5084 Dan Marino, Miami
NFC: 4614 Neil Lomax, St. Louis

YARDS, GAME
AFC: 470 Dan Marino, Miami vs. Raiders, December 2 (57 attempts, 35 completions)
NFC: 468 Neil Lomax, St. Louis at Washington, December 16 (46 attempts, 37 completions)

LONGEST (Yards)
AFC: 92 Marc Wilson (to Marcus Allen), Raiders vs. Seattle, October 7
NFC: 90 Ron Jaworski (to Mike Quick), Philadelphia vs. St. Louis, October 28 - TD

YARDS PER ATTEMPT
AFC: 9.01 Dan Marino, Miami (564 attempts, 5084 yards)
NFC: 8.40 Joe Montana, San Francisco (432 attempts, 3630 yards)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES
AFC: 48 Dan Marino, Miami
NFC: 28 Neil Lomax, St. Louis
Joe Montana, San Francisco

TOUCHDOWN PASSES, GAME
AFC: 5 John Elway, Denver vs. Minnesota, November 18
Dave Krieg, Seattle vs. Detroit, December 2
Dan Marino, Miami at Washington, September 2
Marc Wilson, Raiders at San Diego, October 21
NFC: 4 Gary Danielson, Detroit vs. Minnesota, September 23
Lynn Dickey, Green Bay vs. Detroit, October 28
Lynn Dickey, Green Bay vs. Minnesota, November 11
Phil Simms, Giants vs. Philadelphia, September 2
Joe Theismann, Washington at Indiana, October 7
Danny White, Dallas vs. Washington, December 9

LOWEST INTERCEPTION PERCENTAGE
AFC: 1.9 Tony Eason, New England (431 attempts, 8 intercepted)
NFC: 2.3 Joe Montana, San Francisco (432 attempts, 10 intercepted)

TEAM CHAMPION (Net Yards)
AFC: 5018 Miami
NFC: 4257 St. Louis

TOP TEN INDIVIDUAL PASSING QUALIFIERS

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Yds	Avg Gain	TD	Pct TD	Long	Int	Pct Int	Rating Points
Marino, Dan, Mia.	564	362	64.2	5084	9.01	48	8.5	t80	17	3.0	108.9
Montana, Joe, S.F.	432	279	64.6	3630	8.40	28	6.5	t80	10	2.3	102.9
Eason, Tony, N.E.	431	259	60.1	3228	7.49	23	5.3	t76	8	1.9	93.4
Lomax, Neil, St.L.	560	345	61.6	4614	8.24	28	5.0	t83	16	2.9	92.5
Bartkowski, Steve, Atl.	269	181	67.3	2158	8.02	11	4.1	61	10	3.7	89.7
Theismann, Joe, Wash.	477	283	59.3	3391	7.11	24	5.0	t80	13	2.7	86.6
Dickey, Lynn, G.B.	401	237	59.1	3195	7.97	25	6.2	t79	19	4.7	85.6
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	507	317	62.5	3740	7.38	19	3.7	t61	17	3.4	83.4
Krieg, Dave, Sea.	480	276	57.5	3671	7.65	32	6.7	t80	24	5.0	83.3
Danielson, Gary, Det.	410	252	61.5	3076	7.50	17	4.1	t77	15	3.7	83.1

PASSING (Cont.)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - PASSING

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Gross Yards	Tkd	Yds Lost	Net Yards	Avg Yds Att	Avg Yds Comp	TD	Pct TD	Long	Int	Pct Int
Miami	572	367	64.2	5146	14	128	5018	9.00	14.02	49	8.6	t80	18	3.1
San Diego	662	401	60.6	4928	36	285	4643	7.44	12.29	25	3.8	t88	21	3.2
Kansas City	593	305	51.4	3869	33	301	3568	6.52	12.69	21	3.5	t65	22	3.7
Seattle	497	283	56.9	3751	42	328	3423	7.55	13.25	32	6.4	t80	26	5.2
Raiders	491	266	54.2	3718	54	360	3358	7.57	13.98	21	4.3	92	28	5.7
Cincinnati	496	306	61.7	3659	45	358	3301	7.38	11.96	17	3.4	t80	22	4.4
Pittsburgh	443	240	54.2	3519	35	278	3241	7.94	14.66	25	5.6	t80	25	5.6
New England	500	292	58.4	3685	66	454	3231	7.37	12.62	26	5.2	t76	14	2.8
Houston	487	282	57.9	3610	49	382	3228	7.41	12.80	14	2.9	76	15	3.1
Cleveland	495	273	55.2	3490	55	358	3132	7.05	12.78	14	2.8	64	23	4.6
Jets	488	272	55.7	3341	52	382	2959	6.85	12.28	20	4.1	49	21	4.3
Denver	475	263	55.4	3116	35	257	2859	6.56	11.85	22	4.6	73	17	3.6
Buffalo	588	298	50.7	3252	60	554	2698	5.53	10.91	18	3.1	t70	30	5.1
Indianapolis	411	206	50.1	2543	58	436	2107	6.19	12.34	13	3.2	t74	22	5.4
Conference Total	7198	4054	----	51627	634	4861	46766	----	-----	317	---	t88	304	---
Conference Average	514.1	289.6	56.3	3687.6	45.3	347.2	3340.4	7.17	12.73	22.6	4.4	--	21.7	4.2

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - PASSING

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Gross Yards	Tkd	Yds Lost	Net Yards	Avg Yds Att	Avg Yds Comp	TD	Pct TD	Long	Int	Pct Int
St. Louis	566	347	61.3	4634	49	377	4257	8.19	13.35	28	4.9	t83	16	2.8
San Francisco	496	312	62.9	4079	27	178	3901	8.22	13.07	32	6.5	t80	10	2.0
Giants	535	288	53.8	4066	55	434	3632	7.60	14.12	22	4.1	t65	18	3.4
Dallas	604	322	53.3	3995	48	389	3606	6.61	12.41	19	3.1	t68	26	4.3
Tampa Bay	563	334	59.3	3907	45	362	3545	6.94	11.70	22	3.9	t74	23	4.1
Green Bay	506	281	55.5	3740	42	310	3430	7.39	13.31	30	5.9	t79	30	5.9
Philadelphia	606	331	54.6	3823	60	463	3360	6.31	11.55	19	3.1	t90	17	2.8
Detroit	531	298	56.1	3787	61	486	3301	7.13	12.71	19	3.6	t77	22	4.1
Washington	485	286	59.0	3417	48	341	3076	7.05	11.95	24	4.9	t80	13	2.7
Atlanta	478	294	61.5	3546	67	496	3050	7.42	12.06	14	2.9	61	20	4.2
Minnesota	533	281	52.7	3337	64	465	2872	6.26	11.88	18	3.4	t70	25	4.7
New Orleans	476	246	51.7	3198	45	361	2837	6.72	13.00	21	4.4	74	28	5.9
Chicago	390	226	57.9	2695	36	232	2463	6.91	11.92	14	3.6	t61	15	3.8
Rams	358	176	49.2	2382	32	240	2142	6.65	13.53	16	4.5	68	17	4.7
Conference Total	7127	4022	----	50606	679	5134	45472	----	-----	298	---	t90	280	---
Conference Average	509.1	287.3	56.4	3614.7	48.5	366.7	3248.0	7.10	12.58	21.3	4.2	--	20.0	3.9
League Total	14325	8076	----	102233	1313	9995	92238	----	-----	615	---	t90	584	---
League Average	511.6	288.4	56.4	3651.2	46.9	357.0	3294.2	7.14	12.66	22.0	4.3	--	20.9	4.1

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PASS RECEIVING

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RECEPTIONS
NFC: 106 Art Monk, Washington
AFC: 89 Ozzie Newsome, Cleveland

RECEPTIONS, GAME
AFC: 15 Kellen Winslow, San Diego at Green Bay, October 7 (157 yards)
NFC: 12 Ottis Anderson, St. Louis at Washington, December 16 (124 yards)

YARDS
NFC: 1555 Roy Green, St. Louis
AFC: 1395 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh

YARDS, GAME
NFC: 206 James Lofton, Green Bay at Denver, October 15 (11 receptions)
AFC: 191 Steve Largent, Seattle at Denver, November 25 (12 receptions)
Ozzie Newsome, Cleveland at Jets, October 14 (14 receptions)

LONGEST (Yards)
AFC: 92 Marcus Allen (from Marc Wilson), Raiders vs. Seattle, October 7
NFC: 90 Mike Quick (from Ron Jaworski), Philadelphia vs. St. Louis, October 28 - TD

YARDS PER RECEPTION
NFC: 22.0 James Lofton, Green Bay (62 receptions, 1361 yards)
AFC: 20.4 Daryl Turner, Seattle (35 receptions, 715 yards)

TOUCHDOWNS
AFC: 18 Mark Clayton, Miami
NFC: 12 Roy Green, St. Louis

TEAM LEADERS, RECEPTIONS

AFC:		NFC:	
BUFFALO	69 Byron Franklin	ATLANTA	67 Stacey Bailey
CINCINNATI	65 Cris Collinsworth	CHICAGO	45 Walter Payton
CLEVELAND	89 Ozzie Newsome	DALLAS	60 Doug Cosbie
DENVER	69 Steve Watson	DETROIT	77 James Jones
HOUSTON	69 Tim Smith	GREEN BAY	62 James Lofton
INDIANAPOLIS	43 Raymond Butler	L.A. RAMS	34 Henry Ellard
KANSAS CITY	62 Henry Marshall	MINNESOTA	47 Leo Lewis
L.A. RAIDERS	80 Todd Christensen	NEW ORLEANS	35 Hokie Gajan
MIAMI	73 Mark Clayton	N.Y. GIANTS	48 Bob Johnson & Zeke Mowatt
NEW ENGLAND	66 Derrick Ramsey	PHILADELPHIA	65 John Spagnola
N.Y. JETS	68 Mickey Shuler	ST. LOUIS	78 Roy Green
PITTSBURGH	80 John Stallworth	SAN FRANCISCO	71 Roger Craig
SAN DIEGO	61 Charlie Joiner	TAMPA BAY	85 James Wilder
SEATTLE	74 Steve Largent	WASHINGTON	106 Art Monk

TOP TEN PASS RECEIVERS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Monk, Art, Wash.	106	1372	12.9	72	7
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	89	1001	11.2	52	5
Wilder, James, T.B.	85	685	8.1	50	0
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	80	1395	17.4	51	11
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	80	1007	12.6	38	7
Green, Roy, St.L.	78	1555	19.9	t83	12
Jones, James, Det.	77	662	8.6	39	5
House, Kevin, T.B.	76	1005	13.2	55	5
Largent, Steve, Sea.	74	1164	15.7	65	12
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	73	1389	19.0	t65	18

TOP TEN PASS RECEIVERS BY YARDS

	Yards	No	Avg	Long	TD
Green, Roy, St.L.	1555	78	19.9	t83	12
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	1395	80	17.4	51	11
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	1389	73	19.0	t65	18
Monk, Art, Wash.	1372	106	12.9	72	7
Lofton, James, G.B.	1361	62	22.0	t79	7
Duper, Mark, Mia.	1306	71	18.4	t80	8
Watson, Steve, Den.	1170	69	17.0	73	7
Largent, Steve, Sea.	1164	74	15.7	65	12
Smith, Tim, Hou.	1141	69	16.5	t75	4
Bailey, Stacey, Atl.	1138	67	17.0	61	6

INTERCEPTIONS

(Compiled by Elias Sports Bureau)

INTERCEPTIONS
AFC: 10 Ken Easley, Seattle
NFC: 9 Tom Flynn, Green Bay

INTERCEPTIONS, GAME
NFC: 3 Vernon Dean, Washington vs. Giants, September 16 (61 yards)
Tom Flynn, Green Bay vs. Detroit, October 28 (23 yards)
AFC: 3 Ken Easley, Seattle at San Diego, October 29 (33 yards)

YARDS
AFC: 220 Mike Haynes, Raiders (6 interceptions)
NFC: 166 LeRoy Irvin, Rams (5 interceptions)

LONGEST (Yards)
AFC: 99 Gill Byrd, San Diego at Kansas City, October 14 - TD
NFC: 99 Tim Lewis, Green Bay vs. Rams, November 18 - TD

TOUCHDOWNS
AFC: 2 Dave Brown, Seattle
Gill Byrd, San Diego
Ken Easley, Seattle
Keith Simpson, Seattle
Sam Washington, Pittsburgh
NFC: 2 Vernon Dean, Washington
LeRoy Irvin, Rams
Dennis Winston, New Orleans

TOUCHDOWNS, GAME
AFC: 2 Dave Brown, Seattle vs. Kansas City, November 4
NFC: 1 By 18 players

TEAM LEADERS, INTERCEPTIONS

AFC:		NFC:	
BUFFALO	5 Charles Romes	ATLANTA	5 Kenny Johnson
CINCINNATI	4 Louis Breeden, Robert Jackson & Bobby Kemp	CHICAGO	5 Gary Fencik & Leslie Frazier
CLEVELAND	5 Hanford Dixon & Al Gross	DALLAS	7 Mike Downs
DENVER	6 Steve Foley & Mike Harden	DETROIT	6 Bobby Watkins
HOUSTON	4 Willie Tullis	GREEN BAY	9 Tom Flynn
INDIANAPOLIS	6 Eugene Daniel	L.A. RAMS	5 LeRoy Irvin
KANSAS CITY	7 Deron Cherry	MINNESOTA	3 Rufus Bess
L.A. RAIDERS	6 Mike Haynes	NEW ORLEANS	4 Dave Waymer
MIAMI	6 Glenn Blackwood	N.Y. GIANTS	7 Mark Haynes
NEW ENGLAND	3 Ray Clayborn & Ronnie Lippett	PHILADELPHIA	7 Ray Ellis
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SAN DIEGO	4 Gill Byrd	TAMPA BAY	5 Mark Cotney
SEATTLE	10 Ken Easley	WASHINGTON	7 Vernon Dean

TEAM CHAMPION:
AFC: 38 Seattle
NFC: 28 Dallas

TOP TEN INTERCEPTORS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Easley, Ken, Sea.	10	126	12.6	t58	2
Flynn, Tom, G.B.	9	106	11.8	31	0
Brown, Dave, Sea.	8	179	22.4	t90	2
Lewis, Tim, G.B.	7	151	21.6	t99	1
Downs, Mike, Dall.	7	126	18.0	t27	1
Ellis, Ray, Phil.	7	119	17.0	31	0
Dean, Vernon, Wash.	7	114	16.3	t36	2
Haynes, Mark, Giants	7	90	12.9	22	0
Cherry, Deron, K.C.	7	140	20.0	67	0
Shell, Donnie, Pitt.	7	61	8.7	t52	1

INTERCEPTIONS (Cont.)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - INTERCEPTIONS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Seattle	38	697	18.3	t90	7
Denver	31	510	16.5	63	4
Pittsburgh	31	433	14.0	t69	4
Kansas City	30	465	15.5	t71	2
Cincinnati	25	368	14.7	70	4
Miami	24	478	19.9	t86	2
Raiders	20	339	17.0	t97	2
Cleveland	20	236	11.8	47	0
San Diego	19	499	26.3	t99	4
Indianapolis	18	190	10.6	t59	1
New England	17	210	12.4	85	0
Buffalo	16	233	14.6	55	0
Jets	15	152	10.1	28	0
Houston	13	139	10.7	26	0
Conference Total	317	4949	----	t99	30
Conference Average	22.6	353.5	15.6	--	2.1

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - INTERCEPTIONS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Dallas	28	297	10.6	43	2
Green Bay	27	338	12.5	t99	2
San Francisco	25	345	13.8	t54	2
Washington	21	391	18.6	50	4
Chicago	21	290	13.8	61	1
St. Louis	21	163	7.8	t25	1
Philadelphia	20	287	14.4	33	0
Giants	19	182	9.6	29	0
Tampa Bay	18	308	17.1	38	1
Rams	17	399	23.5	t81	3
Detroit	14	87	6.2	36	0
New Orleans	13	213	16.4	t47	3
Atlanta	12	147	12.3	t35	1
Minnesota	11	120	10.9	t53	1
Conference Total	267	3567	----	t99	21
Conference Average	19.1	254.8	13.4	--	1.5
League Total	584	8516	----	t99	51
League Average	20.9	304.1	14.6	--	1.8

PASS RECEIVING (Cont.)

AFC - TOP 25 RECEIVERS BY YARDS

	Yards	No	Avg	Long	TD
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	1395	80	17.4	51	11
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	1389	73	19.0	t65	18
Duper, Mark, Mia.	1306	71	18.4	t80	8
Watson, Steve, Den.	1170	69	17.0	73	7
Largent, Steve, Sea.	1164	74	15.7	65	12
Smith, Tim, Hou.	1141	69	16.5	t75	4
Carson, Carlos, K.C.	1078	57	18.9	57	4
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	1007	80	12.6	38	7
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	1001	89	11.2	52	5
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin.	989	64	15.5	t57	6
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	912	62	14.7	37	4
Franklin, Byron, Buff.	862	69	12.5	t64	4
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	860	45	19.1	t80	9
Barnwell, Malcolm, Raiders	851	45	18.9	t51	2
Joiner, Charlie, S.D.	793	61	13.0	41	6
Ramsey, Derrick, N.E.	792	66	12.0	34	7
Shuler, Mickey, Jets	782	68	11.5	49	6
Harris, M.L., Cin.	759	48	15.8	t80	2
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	758	64	11.8	92	5
Holohan, Pete, S.D.	734	56	13.1	51	1
Duckworth, Bobby, S.D.	715	25	28.6	t88	4
Turner, Daryl, Sea.	715	35	20.4	t80	10
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	709	38	18.7	t76	5
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	708	52	13.6	t63	6
Butler, Raymond, Ind.	664	43	15.4	t74	6

NFC - TOP 25 RECEIVERS BY YARDS

	Yards	No	Avg	Long	TD
Green, Roy, St.L.	1555	78	19.9	t83	12
Monk, Art, Wash.	1372	106	12.9	72	7
Lofton, James, G.B.	1361	62	22.0	t79	7
Bailey, Stacey, Atl.	1138	67	17.0	61	6
Quick, Mike, Phil.	1052	61	17.2	t90	9
House, Kevin, T.B.	1005	76	13.2	55	5
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	880	52	16.9	t80	6
Hill, Tony, Dall.	864	58	14.9	t66	5
Lewis, Leo, Minn.	830	47	17.7	56	4
Carter, Gerald, T.B.	816	60	13.6	t74	5
Johnson, Bob, Giants	795	48	16.6	45	7
Cosbie, Doug, Dall.	789	60	13.2	36	4
Thompson, Leonard, Det.	773	50	15.5	t66	6
Tilley, Pat, St.L.	758	52	14.6	42	5
Nichols, Mark, Det.	744	34	21.9	t77	1
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	737	40	18.4	t64	10
Jackson, Alfred, Atl.	731	52	14.1	t50	2
Muhammad, Calvin, Wash.	729	42	17.4	t80	4
Spagnola, John, Phil.	701	65	10.8	34	1
Mowatt, Zeke, Giants	698	48	14.5	34	6
Wilder, James, T.B.	685	85	8.1	50	0
Craig, Roger, S.F.	675	71	9.5	t64	3
Jones, James, Det.	662	77	8.6	39	5
Ellard, Henry, Rams	622	34	18.3	t63	6
Manuel, Lionel, Giants	619	33	18.8	53	4

PUNT RETURNS

(Compiled by Elias Sports Bureau)

YARDS PER RETURN
AFC: 15.7 Mike Martin, Cincinnati
NFC: 13.4 Henry Ellard, Rams

YARDS
AFC: 656 Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh
NFC: 521 Dana McLemore, San Francisco

YARDS, GAME
AFC: 152 Cle Montgomery, Raiders at Detroit, December 10 (9 returns)
NFC: 104 Henry Ellard, Rams at Atlanta, October 22 (3 returns)

LONGEST (Yards)
NFC: 83 Henry Ellard, Rams vs. Giants, September 30
AFC: 76 Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh at New Orleans, November 19

RETURNS
NFC: 57 Jeff Fisher, Chicago
AFC: 53 Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh
Greg Pruitt, Raiders

RETURNS, GAME
AFC: 9 Cle Montgomery, Raiders at Detroit, Demeber 10 (152 yards)
NFC: 8 Jeff Fisher, Chicago at Detroit, December 16 (103 yards)
Phil McConkey, Giants at Dallas, November 4 (38 yards)

FAIR CATCHES
NFC: 19 Evan Cooper, Philadelphia
AFC: 16 Greg Pruitt, L.A. Raiders

TOUCHDOWNS
NFC: 2 Henry Ellard, Rams vs. Giants, September 30 (83 yards)
Rams at Atlanta, October 22 (69 yards)
AFC: 1 Lionel James, San Diego at Pittsburgh, November 25 (58 yards)
Paul Johns, Seattle at New England, September 16 (47 yards)
Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh at New Orleans, November 19 (76 yards)
Cle Montgomery, Raiders at Detroit, December 10 (69 yards)
Don Wilson, Buffalo at Seattle, October 14 (65 yards)

TEAM CHAMPION
AFC: 12.4 Cincinnati
NFC: 12.2 L.A. Rams

TOP TEN PUNT RETURNERS

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Martin, Mike, Cin.	24	5	376	15.7	55	0
Ellard, Henry, Rams	30	3	403	13.4	t83	2
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	53	2	656	12.4	t76	1
McLemore, Dana, S.F.	45	11	521	11.6	t79	1
Willhite, Gerald, Den.	20	9	200	10.0	35	0
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	36	10	347	9.6	55	0
Wilson, Don, Buff.	33	8	297	9.0	t65	1
Pruitt, Greg, Raiders	53	16	473	8.9	38	0
Springs, Kirk, Jets	28	10	247	8.8	33	0
Mitchell, Stump, St.L.	38	3	333	8.8	39	0

PUNT RETURNS (Cont.)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - PUNT RETURNS

	Att	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Raiders	67	17	667	10.0	t69	1
Pittsburgh	61	2	696	11.4	t76	1
New England	48	15	430	9.0	55	0
Seattle	44	11	484	11.0	t47	1
Kansas City	42	15	346	8.2	27	0
Denver	41	12	318	7.8	35	0
Cleveland	40	13	322	8.1	19	0
Miami	39	27	365	9.4	37	0
Cincinnati	38	11	473	12.4	55	0
Indianapolis	38	12	278	7.3	35	0
Jets	35	12	324	9.3	33	0
Buffalo	33	8	297	9.0	t65	1
San Diego	33	12	212	6.4	t58	1
Houston	26	8	152	5.8	18	0
Conference Total	585	175	5364	---	t76	5
Conference Average	41.8	12.5	383.1	9.2	--	0.4

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - PUNT RETURNS

	Att	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Chicago	63	11	558	8.9	28	0
Washington	55	2	474	8.6	46	0
Giants	55	18	368	6.7	31	0
Dallas	54	15	446	8.3	18	0
Green Bay	48	16	351	7.3	39	0
St. Louis	47	5	399	8.5	39	0
San Francisco	45	11	521	11.6	t79	1
Atlanta	41	4	264	6.4	37	0
Rams	40	4	489	12.2	t83	2
Philadelphia	40	19	250	6.3	16	0
Detroit	36	11	241	6.7	23	0
Tampa Bay	34	5	207	6.1	21	0
New Orleans	33	18	268	8.1	61	0
Minnesota	31	10	217	7.0	21	0
Conference Total	622	149	5053	---	t83	3
Conference Average	44.4	10.6	360.9	8.1	--	0.2
League Total	1207	324	10417	---	t83	8
League Average	43.1	11.6	372.0	8.6	--	0.3

KICKOFF RETURNS (Cont.)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Jets	65	1498	23.0	t97	1
Buffalo	76	1422	18.7	65	0
Houston	69	1352	19.6	49	0
Indianapolis	69	1331	19.3	t96	1
San Diego	63	1319	20.9	55	0
New England	63	1246	19.8	46	0
Raiders	56	1216	21.7	62	0
Cleveland	61	1157	19.0	40	0
Cincinnati	61	1155	18.9	46	0
Kansas City	56	1061	18.9	45	0
Pittsburgh	54	1026	19.0	47	0
Seattle	54	1007	18.6	38	0
Denver	45	897	19.9	40	0
Miami	44	799	18.2	41	0
Conference Total	836	16486	----	t97	2
Conference Average	59.7	1177.6	19.7	--	0.1

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Minnesota	86	1775	20.6	47	0
St. Louis	74	1563	21.1	56	0
New Orleans	72	1465	20.3	64	0
Atlanta	70	1367	19.5	50	0
Green Bay	67	1362	20.3	t97	1
Tampa Bay	68	1354	19.9	43	0
Detroit	74	1347	18.2	46	0
Rams	58	1244	21.4	t43	1
Dallas	63	1199	19.0	34	0
Washington	60	1174	19.6	36	0
Philadelphia	59	1156	19.6	t89	1
Giants	61	1117	18.3	52	0
San Francisco	47	1039	22.1	51	0
Chicago	49	896	18.3	40	0
Conference Total	908	18058	----	t97	3
Conference Average	64.9	1289.9	19.9	--	0.2
League Total	1744	34544	----	t97	5
League Average	62.3	1233.7	19.8	--	0.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

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YARDS PER RETURN
  AFC: 30.7 Bobby Humphery, Jets
  NFC: 23.0 Barry Redden, Rams

YARDS
  AFC: 959 Lionel James, San Diego
  NFC: 891 Darrin Nelson, Minnesota

YARDS, GAME
  AFC: 179 Van Williams, Buffalo at New England, November 11 (7 returns)
  NFC: 168 Darrin Nelson, Minnesota vs. Chicago, November 25 (7 returns)

LONGEST (Yards)
  NFC: 97 Del Rodgers, Green Bay at Chicago, December 9 - TD
  AFC: 97 Bobby Humphery, Jets vs. Pittsburgh, September 6 - TD

RETURNS
  AFC: 43 Lionel James, San Diego
  NFC: 42 Mike Nelms, Washington

RETURNS, GAME
  AFC: 7 Rich Erenberg, Pittsburgh vs. Kansas City, September 2 (174 yards)
       David Hughes, Seattle at New England, September 16 (134 yards)
       Van Williams, Buffalo at New England, November 11 (179 yards)
  NFC: 7 Darrin Nelson, Minnesota vs. Chicago, November 25 (168 yards)

TOUCHDOWNS
  AFC: 1 Bobby Humphery, Jets vs. Pittsburgh, September 2 (97 yards)
       Phil Smith, Indianapolis vs. St. Louis, September 16 (96 yards)
  NFC: 1 Mike Guman, Rams at Cincinnati, September 23 (43 yards)
       Del Rodgers, Green Bay at Chicago, December 9 (97 yards)
       Andre Waters, Philadelphia vs. Washington, November 18 (89 yards)

TEAM CHAMPION
  NFC: 22.1 San Francisco
  AFC: 23.0 N.Y. Jets

TOP TEN KICKOFF RETURNERS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Humphery, Bobby, Jets	22	675	30.7	t97	1
Williams, Dokie, Raiders	24	621	25.9	62	0
Anderson, Larry, Ind.	22	525	23.9	69	0
Redden, Barry, Rams	23	530	23.0	40	0
Mitchell, Stump, St.L.	35	804	23.0	56	0
Nelson, Darrin, Minn.	39	891	22.8	47	0
Springs, Kirk, Jets	23	521	22.7	73	0
Roaches, Carl, Hou.	30	679	22.6	49	0
James, Lionel, S.D.	43	959	22.3	55	0
Anthony, Tyrone, N.O.	22	490	22.3	64	0

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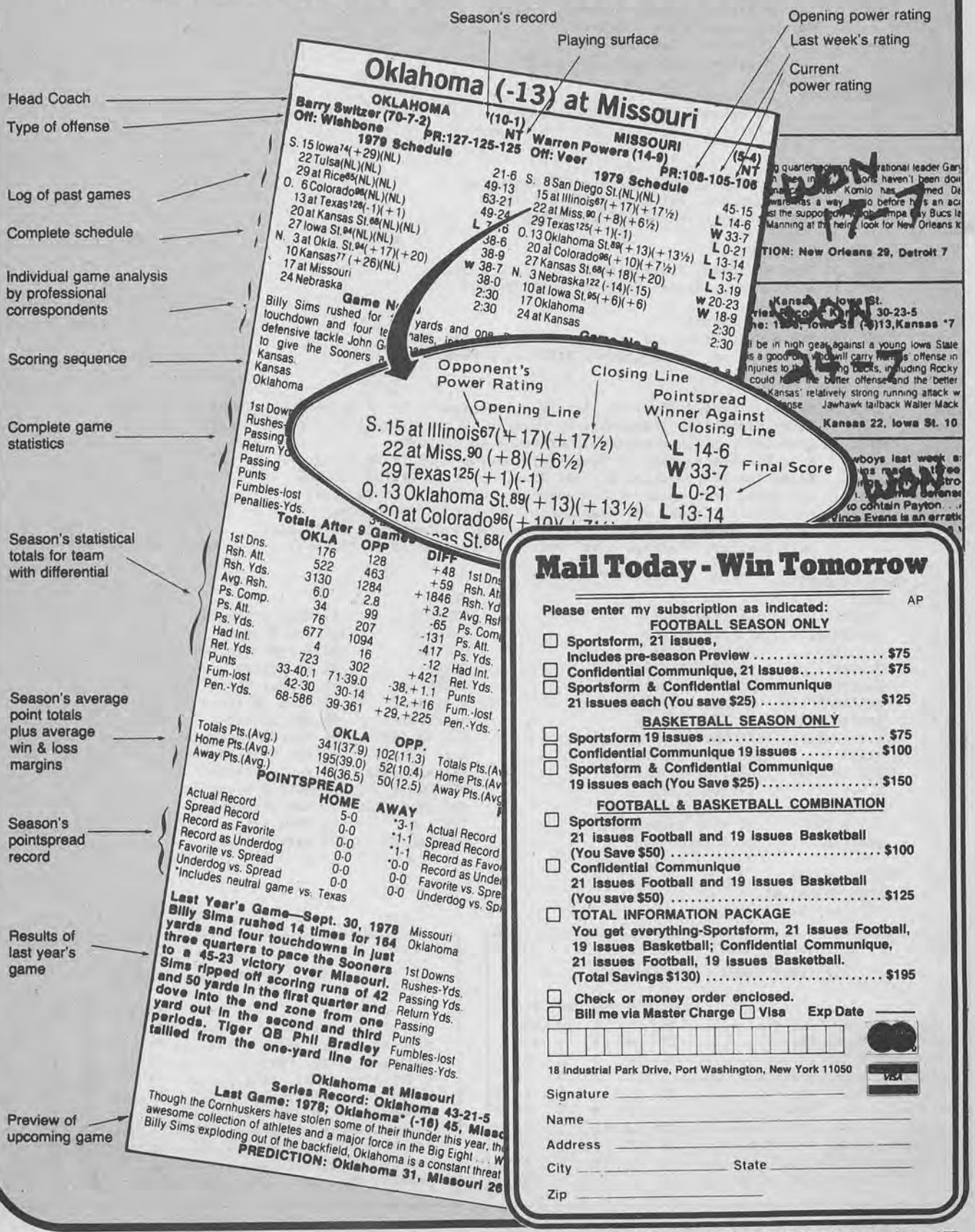
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SCORING

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POINTS

Non-Kickers	Kickers
AFC: 108 Marcus Allen, Raiders	NFC: 131 Ray Wersching, San Francisco
Mark Clayton, Miami	AFC: 117 Gary Anderson, Pittsburgh
NFC: 84 Eric Dickerson, Rams	
John Riggins, Washington	

TOUCHDOWNS
- AFC: 18 Marcus Allen, Raiders (13-rush,5-pass)
  Mark Clayton, Miami (18-pass)
- NFC: 14 Eric Dickerson, Rams (14-rush)
  John Riggins, Washington (14-rush)

EXTRA POINTS
- AFC: 66 Uwe von Schamann, Miami (70 attempts)
- NFC: 56 Ray Wersching, San Francisco (56 attempts)

FIELD GOALS
- NFC: 30 Paul McFadden, Philadelphia (37 attempts)
- AFC: 24 Gary Anderson, Pittsburgh (32 attempts)
  Matt Bahr, Cleveland (32 attempts)

FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED
- NFC: 37 Paul McFadden, Philadelphia (30 field goals)
- AFC: 33 Nick Lowery, Kansas City (23 field goals)

LONGEST FIELD GOAL (Yards)
- AFC: 60 Steve Cox, Cleveland at Cincinnati, October 21
- NFC: 54 Jan Stenerud, Minnesota vs. Atlanta, September 16

MOST POINTS, GAME
- AFC: 24 Marcus Allen, Raiders vs. San Diego, September 24 (4 TD,3-rush,1-pass)
  Larry Kinnebrew, Cincinnati at Houston, October 28 (4 TD,3-rush,1-pass)
- NFC: 18 Lynn Cain, Atlanta at Rams, October 7 (3 TD,rush)
  Eric Dickerson, Rams at Tampa Bay, November 25 (3 TD,rush)
  Eddie Lee Ivery, Green Bay vs. Rams, November 18 (3 TD,rush)
  Art Monk, Washington at Indianapolis, October 7 (3 TD,pass)
  Joe Morris, Giants vs. Washington, October 28 (3 TD,rush)
  Leonard Thompson, Detroit vs. Minnesota, September 23 (3 TD,pass)
  Otis Wonsley, Washington vs. Detroit, November 11 (3 TD,rush)

TEAM LEADERS

AFC:

BUFFALO	48	Greg Bell
CINCINNATI	103	Jim Breech
CLEVELAND	97	Matt Bahr
DENVER	101	Rich Karlis
HOUSTON	46	Joe Cooper
INDIANAPOLIS	47	Raul Allegre
KANSAS CITY	104	Nick Lowery
L.A. RAIDERS	108	Marcus Allen
MIAMI	108	Mark Clayton
NEW ENGLAND	108	Tony Franklin
N.Y. JETS	89	Pat Leahy
PITTSBURGH	117	Gary Anderson
SAN DIEGO	92	Rolf Benirschke
SEATTLE	110	Norm Johnson

NFC:

ATLANTA	91	Mick Luckhurst
CHICAGO	101	Bob Thomas
DALLAS	102	Rafael Septien
DETROIT	91	Ed Murray
GREEN BAY	61	Al Del Greco
L.A. RAMS	112	Mike Lansford
MINNESOTA	90	Jan Stenerud
NEW ORLEANS	94	Morten Andersen
N.Y. GIANTS	83	Ali Haji-Sheikh
PHILADELPHIA	116	Paul McFadden
ST. LOUIS	117	Neil O'Donoghue
SAN FRANCISCO	131	Ray Wersching
TAMPA BAY	95	Obed Ariri
WASHINGTON	120	Mark Moseley

TEAM CHAMPION
- AFC: 513 Miami
- NFC: 475 San Francisco

TOP TEN SCORERS - NON-KICKERS

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	18	13	5	0	108
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	18	0	18	0	108
Dickerson, Eric, Rams	14	14	0	0	84
Riggins, John, Wash.	14	14	0	0	84
Riggs, Gerald, Atl.	13	13	0	0	78
Wilder, James, T.B.	13	13	0	0	78
Green, Roy, St.L.	12	0	12	0	72
Johnson, Pete, S.D.-Mia.	12	12	0	0	72
Largent, Steve, Sea.	12	0	12	0	72
Five players tied with	11				66

TOP TEN SCORERS - KICKERS

	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Wersching, Ray, S.F.	56	56	25	35	131
Moseley, Mark, Wash.	48	51	24	31	120
Anderson, Gary, Pitt.	45	45	24	32	117
O'Donoghue, Neil, St.L.	48	51	23	35	117
McFadden, Paul, Phil.	26	27	30	37	116
Lansford, Mike, Rams	37	38	25	33	112
Johnson, Norm, Sea.	50	51	20	24	110
Franklin, Tony, N.E.	42	42	22	28	108
Lowery, Nick, K.C.	35	35	23	33	104
Breech, Jim, Cin.	37	37	22	31	103

SCORING (Cont.)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - SCORING

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Miami	70	18	49	3	66	70	9	19	0	513
Seattle	51	10	32	9	50	51	20	24	1	418
San Diego	48	18	25	5	46	47	20	29	0	394
Pittsburgh	45	13	25	7	45	45	24	32	0	387
Raiders	44	19	21	4	40	44	20	27	2	368
New England	42	15	26	1	42	42	22	28	1	362
Denver	42	12	22	8	38	42	21	28	0	353
Cincinnati	39	18	17	4	37	39	22	31	1	339
Jets	40	17	20	3	39	40	17	24	1	332
Kansas City	35	12	21	2	35	35	23	33	0	314
Buffalo	31	9	18	4	31	31	11	21	0	250
Cleveland	25	10	14	1	25	25	25	35	0	250
Houston	28	13	14	1	27	28	15	19	0	240
Indianapolis	28	13	13	2	27	28	14	23	1	239
Conference Total	568	197	317	54	548	567	263	373	7	4759
Conference Average	40.6	14.1	22.6	3.9	39.1	40.5	18.8	26.6	0.5	339.9

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE - SCORING

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
San Francisco	57	21	32	4	56	57	25	35	1	475
Washington	51	20	24	7	48	51	24	31	0	426
St. Louis	51	21	28	2	48	51	23	35	0	423
Green Bay	51	18	30	3	48	51	12	21	0	390
Rams	38	16	16	6	37	38	25	33	3	346
Tampa Bay	40	17	22	1	38	40	19	26	0	335
Chicago	37	22	14	1	35	37	22	28	1	325
Dallas	34	12	19	3	33	34	23	29	1	308
Giants	36	12	22	2	32	36	17	33	0	299
New Orleans	34	9	21	4	34	34	20	27	0	298
Detroit	32	13	19	0	31	31	20	27	0	283
Atlanta	31	16	14	1	31	31	20	27	2	281
Philadelphia	27	6	19	2	26	27	30	37	0	278
Minnesota	31	10	18	3	30	31	20	23	0	276
Conference Total	550	213	298	39	527	549	300	412	8	4743
Conference Average	39.3	15.2	21.3	2.8	37.6	39.2	21.4	29.4	0.6	338.8
League Total	1118	410	615	93	1075	1116	563	785	15	9502
League Average	39.9	14.6	22.0	3.3	38.4	39.9	20.1	28.0	0.5	339.4

NFL TEAM STATS

AFC, NFC, AND NFL SUMMARY

	AFC Offense Total	AFC Offense Average	AFC Defense Total	AFC Defense Average	NFC Offense Total	NFC Offense Average	NFC Defense Total	NFC Defense Average	NFL Total	NFL Average
First Downs	4305	307.5	4426	316.1	4352	310.9	4231	302.2	8657	309.2
Rushing	1508	107.7	1603	114.5	1715	122.5	1620	115.7	3223	115.1
Passing	2464	176.0	2497	178.4	2344	167.4	2311	165.1	4808	171.7
Penalty	333	23.8	326	23.3	293	20.9	300	21.4	626	22.4
Rushes	6797	485.5	6971	497.9	7014	501.0	6840	488.6	13,811	493.3
Net Yds. Gained	26,305	1878.9	27,613	1972.4	29,198	2085.6	27,890	1992.1	55,503	1982.3
Avg. Gain	—	3.9	—	4.0	—	4.2	—	4.1	—	4.0
Avg. Yds. per Game	—	117.4	—	123.3	—	130.3	—	124.5	—	123.9
Passes Attempted	7198	514.1	7299	521.4	7127	509.1	7026	501.9	14,325	511.6
Completed	4054	289.6	4156	296.9	4022	287.3	3920	280.0	8076	288.4
% Completed	—	56.3	—	56.9	—	56.4	—	55.8	—	56.4
Total Yds. Gained	51,627	3687.6	52,167	3726.2	50,606	3614.7	50,066	3576.1	102,233	3651.2
Times Sacked	634	45.3	630	45.0	679	48.5	683	48.8	1313	46.9
Yds. Lost	4861	347.2	4896	349.7	5134	366.7	5099	364.2	9995	357.0
Net Yds. Gained	46,766	3340.4	47,271	3376.5	45,472	3248.0	44,967	3211.9	92,238	3294.2
Avg. Yds. per Game	—	208.8	—	211.0	—	203.0	—	200.7	—	205.9
Net Yds. per Pass Play	—	5.97	—	5.96	—	5.83	—	5.83	—	5.90
Yds. Gained per Comp.	—	12.73	—	12.55	—	12.58	—	12.77	—	12.66
Combined Net Yds. Gained	73,071	5219.4	74,884	5348.9	74,670	5333.6	72,857	5204.1	147,741	5276.5
% Total Yds. Rushing	—	36.00	—	36.87	—	39.10	—	38.28	—	37.57
% Total Yds. Passing	—	64.00	—	63.13	—	60.90	—	61.72	—	62.43
Avg. Yds. per Game	—	326.2	—	334.3	—	333.3	—	325.3	—	329.8
Ball Control Plays	14,629	1044.9	14,900	1064.3	14,820	1058.6	14,549	1039.2	29,449	1051.8
Avg. Yds. per Play	—	5.0	—	5.0	—	5.0	—	5.0	—	5.0
Third Down Efficiency	—	38.6	—	38.8	—	38.7	—	38.5	—	38.7
Interceptions	304	21.7	317	22.6	280	20.0	267	19.1	584	20.9
Yds. Returned	4812	343.7	4949	353.5	3704	264.6	3567	254.8	8516	304.1
Returned for TD	30	2.1	30	2.1	21	1.5	21	1.5	51	1.8
Punts	1153	82.4	1128	80.6	1107	79.1	1132	80.9	2260	80.7
Yds. Punted	48,005	3428.9	46,575	3326.8	44,716	3194.0	46,146	3296.1	92,721	3311.5
Avg. Yds. per Punt	—	41.6	—	41.3	—	40.4	—	40.8	—	41.0
Punt Returns	585	41.8	604	43.1	622	44.4	603	43.1	1207	43.1
Yds. Returned	5364	383.1	5532	395.1	5053	360.9	4885	348.9	10,417	372.0
Avg. Yds. per Return	—	9.2	—	9.2	—	8.1	—	8.1	—	8.6
Returned for TD	5	0.4	3	0.2	3	0.2	5	0.4	8	0.3
Kickoff Returns	836	59.7	825	58.9	908	64.9	919	65.6	1744	62.3
Yds. Returned	16,486	1177.6	16,658	1189.9	18,058	1289.9	17,886	1277.6	34,544	1233.7
Avg. Yds. per Return	—	19.7	—	20.2	—	19.9	—	19.5	—	19.8
Returned for TD	2	0.1	2	0.1	3	0.2	3	0.2	5	0.2
Penalties	1431	102.2	1417	101.2	1434	102.4	1448	103.4	2865	102.3
Yds. Penalized	12,005	857.5	11,835	845.4	12,051	860.8	12,221	872.9	24,056	859.1
Fumbles	457	32.6	441	31.5	417	29.8	433	30.9	874	31.2
Lost	215	15.4	216	15.4	214	15.3	213	15.2	429	15.3
Out of Bounds	32	2.3	29	2.1	17	1.2	20	1.4	49	1.8
Own Rec. for TD	2	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.1	3	0.1
Opp. Rec.	214	15.3	213	15.2	210	15.0	211	15.1	424	15.1
Opp. Rec. for TD	14	1.0	11	0.8	9	0.6	12	0.9	23	0.8
Total Points Scored	4759	339.9	4803	343.1	4743	338.8	4699	335.6	9502	339.4
Total TDs	568	40.6	567	40.5	550	39.3	551	39.4	1118	39.9
TDs Rushing	197	14.1	214	15.3	213	15.2	196	14.0	410	14.6
TDs Passing	317	22.6	305	21.8	298	21.3	310	22.1	615	22.0
TDs on Ret. and Rec.	54	3.9	48	3.4	39	2.8	45	3.2	93	3.3
Extra Points	548	39.1	545	38.9	527	37.6	530	37.9	1075	38.4
Safeties	7	0.5	8	0.6	8	0.6	7	0.5	15	0.5
Field Goals Made	263	18.8	280	20.0	300	21.4	283	20.2	563	20.1
Field Goals Attempted	373	26.6	382	27.3	412	29.4	403	28.8	785	28.0
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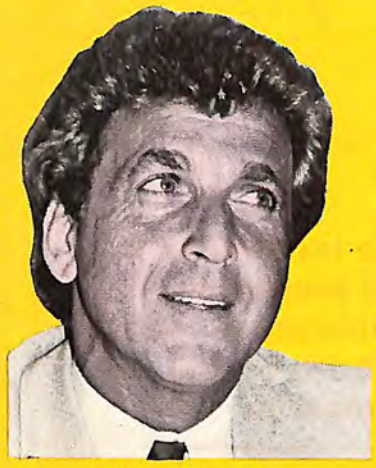
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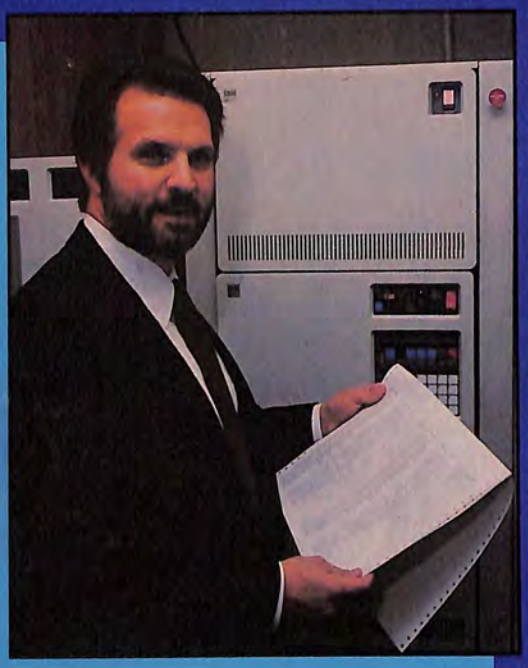
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